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COMMENT OF THE DAY

EAST-WEST STRUGGLE

THE post-war East-West struggle for Germany has entered its second decade, with the distant prospect of further "summit" talks before the year is out.

The cascade of letters from the Soviet leaders on world diplomatic topics with which 1957 closed have again raised, in sharpened form, the issues which have divided the world power blocs since the breakdown of the London session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in December 1947.

The failure of the Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States, France and the Soviet Union there assembled, to agree upon plans for the joint administration of defeated Germany resulted in Germany's continued division.

Integration

THE scene was then set for the gradual establishment of sovereign states in the Communist section of the country and their integration as equal partners into the subsequent Eastern and Western military alliances, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the Warsaw Pact.

Since that vital post-war turning point in December 1947, the pattern of top diplomacy between Moscow and the West has remained fundamentally constant. Each fresh step towards West German statehood and the fortification of Western Europe has attracted a Soviet diplomatic offensive aimed at checking the new moves.

Attempts

REPEATED attempts, notably at the Berlin conference of 1948 and the Geneva summit conference the following year, to end the division of Germany have failed, because neither bloc would jeopardise the support of these sections of the country originally occupied by its troops.

Rejection of Soviet pleas and warnings in the past, as in the case of West Germany's entry into Nato after the conclusion of the Paris agreements has not resulted in any permanent deterioration of the tense, fragile East-West contact. In fact, the decision to bring West Germany into Nato was followed shortly by the cordiality and optimism of the Geneva talks. But neither the East-West approaches, nor the steady consolidation of the two blocs have changed the insoluble character of the problem created in 1947.

Possibility

IN spite of past disappointments, there remains the strong possibility that, as before, the West will agree to some form of high level contact with Moscow following the recent decision, at the meeting of the Council of Nato in Paris, to go ahead with the nuclear equipment of the West.

In throwing out their feelers for a new summit meeting, the Soviet leaders are emphasising the new technical factors in the situation involved in the production of hydrogen and nuclear weapons, and of missiles and rockets.

But the power policy factors which have so far rendered the problem insoluble are unchanged, as they have remained unchanged while Mr Khrushchev succeeded Mr Stalin, the Conservatives succeeded Labour in Whitehall, and Republicans succeeded Democrats in Washington. And they are likely to remain that way unless the Communist world can offer the West a convincing gesture of disarmament with security.

IKE CAUTIONS REPUBLICANS

RIGHT-WING LEAD IN GUATEMALA

Guatemala City, Jan. 20. Right-wing candidate Miguel Ydigoras has taken the lead in the first official partial results for Guatemala City of yesterday's Presidential election, it was announced this morning.

Reports from 80 of the 183 polling places in the city gave Ydigoras 15,137 votes.

Left-wing candidate Mario Mendez Montenegro had 11,288 votes and centrist candidate Jose Luis Cruz Salazar had 5,997 votes.

Salazar, who was generally considered the favourite to win the Presidential race, commented that the results which put him in third place were only partial and that later counting would completely change the situation. —France-Press.

Tidal Wave Causes Widespread Damage

Bogota, Jan. 20. Official sources said today that more than 20 persons were killed and widespread damage was caused when a tidal wave hit the south coast of Colombia yesterday.

The sources said the tidal wave had had "catastrophic" results, destroying bridges and blocking coastal roads.

The tidal wave caused extensive damage in the port of Tumaco and all along the southern coast.

Unofficial reports said the tidal wave had derailed a train and damaged port installations.

The tidal wave which also caused severe damage in the port of Esmeraldas, in Ecuador, washed the shores of Colombia, Ecuador and Chile following a violent earthquake felt in all three countries. —France-Press.

Socialites Under Suspicion

Manila, Jan. 21. Several Manila socialites are among the new list of 21 Filipino and Chinese commuters bringing in huge quantities of merchandise under the guise of personal effects.

This list was submitted yesterday by the Customs police to the Customs Commissioner, Eluterio Capapas, as the lightened vigilance on in-coming passengers and cargo from Hongkong went into gear in earnest.

Although not allowed dollars by the Central Bank, the 21 managed to bring into the country luxury goods in commercial quantities, it was learned.

Their movements are now being closely watched. —France-Press.

Latin America's First Reactor

Buenos Aires, Jan. 20. Latin America's first atomic reactor was switched on today by the President of Argentina, Mr Pedro Aramburu. The reactor was built by the Argentine Atomic Energy Commission from United States blueprints.

The 10-kilowatt reactor, which is for experimental purposes, cost well below four million pesos (about £40,000). —Reuter.

Steer Clear Of Third-Stringers In 1958 Campaign

By MERRIMAN SMITH

Chicago, Jan. 20.

President Eisenhower called tonight for the removal of peace and security as issues in this year's election, and cautioned Republicans to steer clear of "third-string" candidates if they are to wrest control of Congress from the Democrats.

The President kicked off the Republican Party's congressional drive for 1958 at a \$100-a-plate fund-raising dinner here sponsored by a United Republican Fund. Similar dinners were held in 43 other cities as the Party sought to fill its war chest for the congressional battles this autumn.

Objective

President Eisenhower, speaking before a large dinner audience, estimated at 5,000 persons in Donovan Hall at the International Amphitheatre, said the first objective of the Republican Party was "Security and a just peace — in not a partisan or political matter."

"Americans must never and will never let the issue of security and peace become a pawn in anyone's political chess game," he said in his prepared text of less than 1,000 words.

As for the coming campaign, President Eisenhower told the GOP colleagues, "The nation's 'right now' is the time to make sure that the most talented and devoted members of your community are drawn upon to serve as your Republican candidates."

All-Stars

"When we consider what is at stake in the great world struggle, we realize that America cannot afford to send in a third-string team," he said. "Both parties have their candidates for the team. We want theirs to be good—but we must make ours a team of all-stars."

Possibly mindful of some of the criticism from within his

Gunpowder Ship On Fire

Cadiz, Jan. 20. A burning ship with a cargo of gunpowder was towed out into the Bay of Cadiz tonight and shelled by a Spanish warship to sink her before she blew up. Fire broke out aboard the 2,495-ton Spanish Ciudad de Valencia earlier today as she was in the port here. Firemen fought to put out the blaze, but later reports said she was enveloped in flames. Then she was towed out into the bay to be sunk. Two dock workers suffered minor injuries due to the fire. The ship was later grounded after being hit by shells below the waterline and flooded. —Reuter.

Celebration At Scott Base

Auckland, Jan. 21. Members of the New Zealand Antarctic Expedition at Scott Base "cracked open some of Hillary's brandy and scotch and really celebrated" when they heard of Dr Vivian Fuchs' decision to carry on from the South Pole, an expedition member said today. Squadron-Leader Clouston, leader of the New Zealand Antarctic expedition at Scott Base, said in a radio telephone interview last night that Dr Fuchs' decision had overjoyed the New Zealanders because it meant they would not have to spend another winter in the Antarctic. —Reuter.

Official Death Of Sputnik I

Moscow, Jan. 20. Sputnik I died on January 4, the Soviet News Agency Tass officially reported today.

The information had been revealed by informed sources previously. Scientists predicted last year that the first Russian artificial satellite would plunge to earth and cease to exist early this month.

EARTH TO MARS

The official communique issued through Tass said the entrance of the Sputnik into the dense atmosphere with consequent disintegration was not observed. But it said there was no question that the Sputnik disintegrated on January 4 after 1,400 revolutions around the earth.

The Sputnik was said to have gone a distance almost equivalent to the mileage from Earth to Mars in its three months in the air. It was launched on October 4, 1957.

Sputnik II will have made 1,117 revolutions of the earth by tomorrow morning, Tass news agency reported tonight. —United Press and France-Press.

Alleged Murderer May Have Killed 9 People

Hamilton, Jan. 20. Scotland Yard detectives who have charged New York-born carpenter Peter Manuel, 31, with four murders, today were investigating five other unsolved slayings.

Police refused all comment on the possibility of further charges being added to the four already against him—that he wiped out a family of three and that he strangled a 17-year-old girl with a blue silk party ribbon.

The nine murders in this area date back to January, 1956. The brutality of the acts so aroused this Scottish town that Manuel was almost mobbed when he was brought here last Saturday to be booked on the last charge.

BLUE RIBBON

He was accused first of shooting Mr and Mrs Peter Smart and their 11-year-old son in their bungalow on January 6. On Saturday he was taken from gaol and accused of strangling 17-year-old Isabelle Cooke on December 23 while she was on route to a dance. Police found her body in a shallow grave near her home. It was partially clothed and there was a blue silk ribbon around her neck.

Police were disclosed today to be studying the murders of 17-year-old Anne Kneelands, 45-year-old Mrs Marian Watt, her 16-year-old daughter and 42-year-old sister. The Watt family was found murdered in their beds in September, 1956. Anne was found slain on a golf course in January, 1956.

Police also were reported dragging the nearby Silver Clyde for the knife used in the slaying of a 30-year-old taxi driver in Durham, England, last month. —United Press.

MISSING OFFICIAL FOUND

Bonn, Jan. 20. A police spokesman said here tonight that Herr Walter Petzold, an official who has been absent from his post since January 6, had given himself up to the police at Cologne.

He would be taken to Bonn where the public prosecutor was investigating charges against him, the spokesman added.

Earlier today the West German Interior Ministry said that the official, who had access to cabinet matters, had been absent because of "private difficulties." —Reuter.

Cyprus Statement

London, Jan. 20. The British Government policy statement on Cyprus originally expected tomorrow, will be deferred until after the forthcoming Ministerial Council meeting of the Baghdad Pact in Ankara, an authoritative source said today.

The statement had been expected to be made when Parliament reassembles tomorrow after its Christmas recess. —Reuter.

US MAY STATION IRBM BASES IN FAR EAST

Washington, Jan. 20. The United States is considering the stationing of intermediate range ballistic missile bases in the Far East, Mr Neil McElroy, the Secretary of Defence, disclosed in testimony released by a congressional group today.

Mr McElroy, testifying at a private meeting of an appropriations sub-committee of the House of Representatives on January 8 gave no further details. He said there would be no more than the first two squadrons to be created this year.

Protection

Asked by Mr Daniel Flood (Democrat, Pennsylvania) why the missiles should not be sent to the Far East now to protect United States troops in Korea, Mr McElroy replied: "If you mean we are considering locations in the Far East for IRBM's, we are."

But, pressed to say that the missiles should go at an earlier date, the Defence Secretary said: "That is something for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. That is not simply for my judgment."

Mr Flood stated that "that made me unhappy." "I am sitting in Korea (are) the First Cavalry Division and the Seventh Infantry Division — American sitting ducks," he said. "Now, you are at Paris with all the Nato people, and you are taking care of the Turks, the British and anybody else."

Clobbered

"They (the troops in Korea) are going to get clobbered," Mr Flood said he preferred Mr McElroy and not the Joint Chiefs of Staff to make the decision about ballistic missiles in the Far East because "it is the most dangerous situation we have."

"I pray to God it does not blow up in our faces," he said. "It is awful." —Reuter.

McElroy Wants To Bet His Hat Now

Washington, Jan. 20. Defence Secretary Neil McElroy is willing to bet his hat that operational IRBM bases will be established in Great Britain before next Christmas, it was revealed today.

Mr McElroy testified recently in secret House Appropriations Committee hearings on the President's Emergency Defence Fund. His testimony was made public by the committee today.

BELIEVE IT

"Now, do you fellows really think that you are going to have IRBM bases with squadrons, troops, hardware, installations, launchers, missiles, with the electric light all ready to push a button in the British Isles before Christmas of 1958? Do you really mean that?" "I believe it," Mr McElroy replied.

Mr Flood said: "I will bet you a hat you will not have it. My opinion is you will have nothing resembling..." "On the record" will take that bet," Mr McElroy interrupted. —United Press.

Pineau Calls Arms Shipment

Veritable Act Of Contraband

Paris, Jan. 20. The French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, said tonight the arms seized on board the Yugoslav freighter Slovenia off Oran on Saturday were "veritable contraband".

He told the Yugoslav Ambassador, Mr Radivoj Uvalic in a 16-minute interview that France regretted this act which had not been expected from a Government which claimed it was friendly towards France.

Trafficker

M. Pineau told reporters it was "unthinkable" that the Yugoslav Government was unaware of the real destination of the arms seized. M. Pineau said: "We know perfectly well that these arms were bought in France around November 15 by a notorious arms trafficker who works on behalf of the FLN (the Algerian insurgent National Liberation Front)."

The Yugoslav Ambassador had called on M. Pineau to make what he called "an oral protest" against the violating International Law. M. Pineau said it was a strange route for arms destined for the Yemen, as the Yugoslavs claimed, to go from France, Yugoslavia via Casablanca. —Reuter.

US COMMUNISTS FREED

San Francisco, Jan. 20. The United States Court of Appeals today quashed the convictions of 11 people on charges of being members of the Communist Party.

The convictions — seven in Hawaii and four in Washington State — were obtained in district courts on charges of membership of the Communist Party and plotting to

teach and advocate violent overthrow of the Federal Government.

The Supreme Court in June reversed the convictions of five California Communists convicted on charges of conspiring by violence.

The court ruled that advocacy to overthrow the Government must be such as to incite action. —Reuter.

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HERO KILLING STIRS UP GREEKS

Athens, Jan. 20. An American alumnus, Marlon Muzilli, 22, went on trial before a panel of Greek judges tonight on a charge of involuntary manslaughter in the traffic death of a Greek war hero, General Staphanos Saragidis. Heavy police patrols guarded the court house.

Police enforced the strictest of security measures, since the case has touched off widespread political strife in Greece and caused sharp criticism of Americans.

Muzilli is the first US serviceman to be held for trial here under the recently-passed laws of force agreement. But he is actually the third to come before a Greek court.

But the fact that General Saragidis was a wartime leftist underground leader and a member of Parliament provided left-wing elements with sufficient grounds to whip the Muzilli case into an international incident.

Hence the strong security measures at the start of the trial. —United Press.

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AN EX-ARMY EXPERT SOUNDS WARNING

Washington, Jan. 20. Russia may be outproducing the U.S. in troop-carrying planes that could speed as many as five Soviet divisions to follow up a missile attack on the United States, according to Ordnance Magazine.

An article by a former Army intelligence officer, Garrett Underhill said: "While missile-conscious Mr Khrushchev may think that bombers are for museums, he makes transports the subject of priority programme."

By contrast, it said, in the United States "since V-J Day, military airlift has been the orphan of every defence-economy storm, the lowest in the military priority totem pole."

Underhill listed six new types of turbojet and turbo-prop transports produced by Russia in the past three years, from a start well behind the United States.

While some of the new Soviet planes are being used in "commercial" operations of the government airline Aeroflot, all are built to be readily convertible to military use, he said.

He added they are very powerful and designed for the short, rough runways often necessary in wartime troop-lift operations.

"Unique"

Some are capable of flying slowly enough to drop paratroopers effectively, he said. This characteristic of Soviet jets is "unique" so far, the article said. Aeroflot is organized along military lines and managed by Red Air Force officers.

"How much the Reds use their fast-sprouting airlift wings?" the author asked. He answered:

"Some 250 TU114 (roughly the number of big U.S. jets ordered by airlines) could carry the light infantry of at least five divisions from the USSR to any spot in America. (The U.S. Army today has a strategic reserve of less than four divisions.)"

"Such intercontinental jet troops could follow up on intercontinental ballistic missile and submarine-launched missile strikes, just as troops normally follow up artillery preparations."

MATSU BATTLE

Taipei, Jan. 20. Nationalist planes shot down one Communist aircraft over the Matsu area this afternoon, the Central News Agency reported.

The Nationalist Air Force headquarters said that 10 Communist planes appeared in the area but did not mention if any planes were shot down.

France-Presse.

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Giulia and Shirley

PRIVATE Giulia Compagni, the 25-year-old Italian national serviceman, has been given permission by his commanding officer to marry Shirley Holmes, the English girl with a hole in her heart.

The permission was sent by his commanding officer through the military attaché at the Italian Embassy in London today.

Twenty-two-year-old Mary, who lives at Forthester, Hampshire, wanted to go to Italy to see Giulia but doctors told her the trip could kill her because of the hole in her heart.

Giulia was granted a month's leave to come to Britain to see Shirley. The Italian Defence Ministry paid his fare—China Mail Special.

Polaris' Success: US Navy To Increase Submarine Output

Washington, Jan. 20. Progress on the 1,500-mile Polaris missile has been so "amazing" that the Navy expects to triple planned production of submarines designed especially to fire the rocket, it was disclosed tonight.

The production increase was disclosed by the Navy Secretary, Thomas Gates, in recent secret testimony before a House Appropriations sub-committee. The group is considering an emergency request for \$1,200,000,000 to strengthen U.S. defenses.

A copy of Mr Thomas' testimony made public by the sub-committee showed that he testified that the Navy planned to ask Congress "within the very near future" for emergency funds to build nine Polaris-firing subs instead of the three previously planned.

Navy officials have testified that the submarines could fire the missiles while submerged and then slip off to sanctuary while the rockets were still en route to their targets.

The Polaris has been one of this country's most sensational answers to Russia's space and missile challenge. It is powered by a solid propellant,

eliminating the dangerous fueling process required by liquid-fueled rockets.

Meanwhile, the Senate Preparedness sub-committee, which is investigating the missile programme, released testimony in which Whitley Collins, President of Northrop Aircraft Inc., urged increased output of the 5,000-mile Snark guided missile.

Mr Collins said the Snark programme could be put into high gear with "relatively little money." He added that it would be a "valuable supplement" to the Strategic Air Command's H-bombers because "it cannot be stopped" by Soviet air defenses.

DAUGHTERS

The testimony released by the House group showed that Air Force officials, including Secretary James Douglas, believed funds for manned bombers had been chopped off dangerously soon. Mr Douglas said he wanted to keep B-52s in production until the missiles had proven themselves.

General Curtis Lemay, Air Force Vice-Chief of Staff, testified that he believed Russia's air striking power would "pass ours" sometime in 1959. He said this country would be stronger by then, but he had no "assurance we will be strong enough."

In this connection, the sub-committee chairman, Senator Lyndon Johnson (Democrat, Texas), said Congress might have to force the administration to increase output of B-52 bombers in the interim period before missiles are available.

The Navy's Polaris missile is expected to be in operation by 1960. The money requested under study by the Committee includes \$200 million to build the first three submarines designed to fire the missile.—United Press.

Home, Sweet Home

Baton Rouge, Jan. 20. Mrs Joseph Allain called police on Sunday to investigate a noise in her attic. A policeman climbed up and found Joseph Allain, who had slipped out of gaol, where he was serving a bad cheque term, and into his own home.—United Press.

Indonesia's Bid To Halt Contraband Trade

Singapore, Jan. 20. In another step in the all-out efforts to stamp illegal barter trade between rebel provinces and Singapore, the Indonesian Central Government Authorities today demanded \$450,000 deposit from ship-owners which will be forfeited if they traded in contraband cargoes.

In past weeks, Indonesian patrol boats have detained several ships allegedly carrying contraband cargoes from rebel ports in the Celebes and Sumatra.

The Panamanian registered freighter S.S. Honesta is still being held at Tanjung Uban. She was captured on December 31.

The Singapore-owned ships are being held at Pulau Sembawang and four others were held in other Indonesian held islands between Java and Singapore. All these ships were alleged to have contraband cargo picked up from either rebel held ports in Celebes or Sumatra.

LATEST ORDER

The Trade Commissioner of the Indonesian Consulate General here Baron Sudadistana confirming the latest order from Jakarta, requesting shipping firms to lodge a bank guarantee for \$350,000 before they sailed for "illegal barter ports" like Palembang and Belawan.

He said the new regulation would ensure that ships visiting legalised ports will not visit illegal ports and take in additional cargo.

Two local shipping firms accepted the challenge of their ships today when they were told to lodge bank guarantees of \$350,000 each. One of them was only a three-hundred-ton freighter.—United Press.

MISR: ANCIENT NAME OF EGYPT

Cairo, Jan. 20. An Egyptian Deputy has proposed that Egypt revert to its ancient name of "Miser".

The Egyptian Assembly was asked to proclaim that Egypt should use this name of the time of the Pharaohs in European languages as is the case in Arab languages.

"Miser" would replace the name "Egypt" given to the country by the Greeks and meaning "Land of the Copts."—France-Presse.

Go Home Yank!

London, Jan. 20. Anti-American feeling was rife in the Wimbledon area today.

Scotland Yard installed its first American-style radar trap to catch speed offenders in a 30-mile-an-hour street at Wimbledon Common.—United Press.

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World Lives In Fear And Danger —Soekarno

Karachi, Jan. 20. President Soekarno of Indonesia, speaking at a state dinner here tonight, said: "The world is living in fear and danger and is divided into two camps hostile to each other."

"That's why Indonesia and other countries are trying hard to save the world. That is why we in Indonesia pursue a policy of co-existence and non-alignment... and because we are pursuing a policy of non-alignment and being friends with every nation on earth, sometimes we get in a very difficult position."

Sometimes they had to depend on their own strength...

CO-EXISTENCE

President Soekarno said Indonesians believed there could be co-existence between two blocs but between colonialist people and the people of a colony there could be no co-existence.

President Iskander Mirza of Pakistan, welcoming President Soekarno said: "While we are firmly dedicated to the ideals of peace we at the same time believe a lasting peace cannot be achieved by a surrender of principles or by the perpetuation of injustice."

"Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the spirit of the Bandung conference we believe in a settlement of all international disputes by peaceful means of negotiation, conciliation or arbitration."

"It has been our sad experience that even today there are nations for whom might is always right. It helps to promote self-interest"—Reuter.

Hold-Up In Todd's Plans

Moscow, Jan. 20. The Soviet Ministry of Culture today wired American film producer Mike Todd, asking him to postpone his planned visit to Moscow until February 1.

Todd and his wife, Elizabeth Taylor, were scheduled to go to Moscow this week.

The reason given was the illness of Soviet Vice-Minister of Culture, V. Surin, who had handled all talks with Todd during the producer's previous visit to the Soviet Union last year.—France-Press.

Algerian Nationalist Leader Willing Talks With Rebels Possible 'But We Have A Right To Exercise Our Own Sovereignty'

Montreux, Switzerland, Jan. 20. An Algerian Nationalist leader said here today that the Nationalists are "always willing" to enter into direct negotiations with France to put an end to the bloody war in North Africa.

"Such negotiations are possible," Ferhat Abbas, a leading member of the Algerian National Liberation Front (F.L.N.) told the United Press in an exclusive interview.

Abbas, who denied French reports claiming he had been expelled from the F.L.N., said that the National Liberation Front "is always willing to enter into negotiations" and that it "would prefer direct negotiations between Algeria and France."

The Nationalist leader, who spends part of his time in Switzerland at Lake-Side Montreux, also denied report of a conflict within the F.L.N. between "irreconcilables" and supporters of a "compromise."

"Why should there be dissent among the leaders of the F.L.N.?" Abbas asked.

"When the French Government insists on maintaining Algeria as a conquered and colonized country, the leaders of the F.L.N. can only affirm unanimously the principle that the Algerian people are not French... and that they have the right to their independence and to exercise their own sovereignty."

If there were differences of opinion within the National Liberation Front, he said:

"On what points should the leaders of the F.L.N. be in dis-

agreement? For the time being France only offers us racial discrimination in Algeria with its corollary, colonial domination and exploitation."

Bilateral

Abbas found that "bilateral negotiations" between France and the Nationalists "are possible."

"It would suffice," Abbas added, "if one French government had the courage to tell the truth to the French. That's the basic part of the problem."

"The Algerian people have never been French, and Algeria never was French. A country belongs to the people who live there and not the nation which occupies it."

"The F.L.N. and even the soldiers with the Maquis do not

contest the moral values of France," he said.

"We do not contest Joan of Arc, St. Genovevieve, Richelieu, Montesquieu and many others. But these values are foreign to us. The Algerian people want to renew their ties with their own history and with their own traditions."

Meanwhile, it was reported from Algiers that a French military aircraft has been missing since the ambush near the Algerian-Tunisian frontier last Friday in which 23 French soldiers were killed and five abducted by Algerian rebels, it was announced today.

Crash

French military headquarters here said the plane, a "T-6", had participated in the operation, which took place opposite Orad.

It was feared that the plane may have crashed in the mountains of the region.

French military authorities also revealed today that only 11 of the bodies of the French soldiers had been found at the scene of the battle, and that all had been terribly mutilated.

They said that according to information received, the rebel band, of between 150 and 200 men, surrounded the French unit in thick fog and passed themselves off as members of another French unit.

After cutting down the French soldiers with sub-machine guns, the rebels charged and finished them off with knives and pistols, they said.—France-Press and United Press.

Christmas Island Corporal Complains:

RAF MEN "SLEEP, EAT AND LIVE LIKE PIGS" HE SAYS

London, Jan. 20. Allegations by a Royal Air Force corporal that servicemen "sleep, eat and live like pigs" on Christmas Island, the British nuclear testing base in the Pacific, are to be raised in Parliament.

Mr Richard Winterbottom, a Labour member of Parliament, said tonight he had tabled a Parliamentary question on the allegations, addressed to Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister.

The MP added that his question stemmed from allegations made by 22-year-old corporal Glenn Beckerton of Sheffield, now serving on Christmas Island.

Corporal Beckerton has alleged in letters home that half the food is bad before it reaches the canteen, that the sanitary system is bad, that beds are lousy and bug-infested and that tents are often water-logged.

The complaints from his son's letters were sent to Mr Winterbottom by Mr George Beckerton who said today: "Glenn is not a grumbler."

"He is a cheerful, grin-and-bear-it type, and likes adventurous sports like potholing. Things must be bad for him to ask me to ask for Mr Winterbottom's help."

Mr Winterbottom told reporters: "Those conditions are not good enough."

"Only now are permanent living quarters being made by Royal engineers—18 months after the island was first occupied."

"Those responsible for hydrogen bomb tests are being awarded decorations in honours lists, but all the lads are getting a lot of hard work and a life in Alibi, intolerable conditions."

An Air Ministry spokesman said tonight: "We cannot say anything about this. It is the subject of a parliamentary question."—China Mail Special.

Anticipation

Wigan, Lancs, Jan. 20. Richard Owen Williams, 84, walked into an Old Folks Club near here as his fellow-members discussed sending a wreath to his funeral. "I'm in the very best of health," he said.—China Mail Special.

UP - UP - AND AWAY!



Dancers from many countries were seen at the Royal Albert Hall recently preparing for the Jubilee Festival of the English Folk Dance and Song Society. Seen above are June Wilson and Wendy Stockwell, both of the London team, resting while Rumanian dancer Cristel Dumitrescu makes a spectacular leap during rehearsal.—Keystone.

Washington Worried Over Soviet Interest In S. Pole

Washington, Jan. 20. The United States Government is reported to be increasingly concerned about the prospects of Soviet scientific teams remaining in the Antarctic at the end of the International Geophysical Year which ends at the end of 1958, according to authoritative officials.

They said one indication of increasing Soviet interest in the Antarctic was the recent Soviet claim to Zavadovski Island in the south Sandwich Islands, which are administered by Great Britain but claimed by Argentina.

The officials pointed out that if this island were occupied by Soviet Russia, then the Drake Strait between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans would be menaced.

They explained that this was the only way big U.S. aircraft carriers could go from one ocean to the other, as the Panama Canal did not have the depth for their transit.

MENACE

They also said it was not impossible, if the Soviet Russian scientific teams remained in the Antarctic or if Soviet Russia occupied territory there, that the time might come when Soviet inter-continental ballistic missiles might menace South Africa, New Zealand and Australia.

They said a recent article in the London Economist on this subject was not exaggerated.

One official even said that the Australian Prime Minister,

"All Hell Broke Loose..." Hazards Of Covering A Modern Red Indian War

By Alvin B. Webb
Greensboro, N. Carolina, Jan. 20. Take it from a new-fledged war correspondent, covering an Indian war is still dangerous. Especially when the Indians and Palefaces take turns shooting at you — or at least in your general direction. A bullet sounds the same no matter which side fires it, if you're in the middle as a neutral newsmen should be.

And a bullet hole in your ear causes more trouble with insurance companies and expense accounts than an arrow in the canvas of a covered wagon.

This reporter and Richard N. Hatch of the Charlotte United Press Bureau and Lloyd Jeffers of the Columbia, South Carolina Bureau didn't spot any bows and arrows or horses but we managed to have our car shot out from under us. Dead horse or dead car, you still wind up walking.

"ALL HELL..."

Following up rumours of possible violence at the rally of the Ku Klux Klan at Maxton, North Carolina, on Saturday night, we converged on the spot to cover the story.

Then, with explosive suddenness, a young Indian made us war correspondents by shooting out the only light at the platform.

As someone later put it aptly: "All hell broke loose." The whole field was in darkness. Gunshots shattered the air. We could hear bullets whizzing overhead.

"Let's head for the car!" Hatch yelled. It was a noble suggestion, and any way we wanted to get to a telephone, so we started running, heads low. Fear gas bombs went off, and the flames lit our eyes. We grabbed each other and, blind leading the blind, struck out running for the road.

Through tears I caught a glimpse of what looked like a light chase, about 20 feet away. Dynamite was my first thought and "Dynamite!" I yelled, dragging Hatch down with me beside a car. Several other persons hastily joined us.

It wasn't dynamite, just more tear gas. But a volley of bullets passed overhead, so it might have been a lucky mistake after all.

THE FRONT

Jeffers also evaded the tear gas and bullets, and was waiting in the car when we arrived. He and I headed for a telephone and momentary safety while Hatch returned to the undefined front.

After things got quiet we went to nearby Pomeroke to see the effigy the Indians had burned of Klan leader Rev. James Cole. The three of us and radio newsmen George Thomas of WTOD in Winston-Salem headed for town in Jeffers' car.

Vigilante bands also haven't gone out of fashion, it seems. A little way down the road, we were forced to the shoulder by one of the numerous groups of Indians and whites that we learned were patrolling the roads. We convinced them we were reporters.

They led us to the "Rainbow Grill" in Pomeroke. There, surrounded by some 50 Indians, some friendly but some hostile and apparently willing to bring us up—well, drink some much needed coffee and managed to get an exclusive interview in a modern-day "Pow-wow."

WRONG END

En route back to Maxton, we were run to the side of the road again. Men apparently whites, piled from three cars and the pistols and rifles they were handling rather loosely revealed their none-too-friendly nature.

We started into the wrong end of a varied assortment of firearms. They finally decided to let us go but as we pulled away they let fire with those weapons. Slugs and pellets ripped into the rear of the car. Arrows don't make that kind of sound. We later counted between 10 and 20 holes and dents, most of them on the trunk and right rear fender. One hit the gas tank, but didn't go through.

But another did hit a tire, which went flat about two miles later. We started flagging cars by this time not particularly caring who came along. But luck held, say the way we stopped was just of Deputy Sheriff R. L. Purcell.—United Press.

A Grand Jury Indicts K. K. Klansmen

Lumberton, N. Carolina, Jan. 18.

A Robeson County grand jury today indicted two Ku Klux Klansmen for inciting Saturday night's riot at which Lumberton Indians broke up a rally with gunfire and war whoops.

Sheriff Malcolm McLeod, who asked for the indictments, said he had contacted one of the men, Claude Ward James W. Cole, and expected him to come here on Tuesday to post bond. The other Klansman, James Garland Martin of Draper, North Carolina, is due to appear in Lumberton court on Wednesday and is free under \$500 bond.

District prosecutor Maurice Braswell said tonight that he would make a "sincere effort" to bring the men to trial during the current two-week term of Robeson superior court. He said he would probably seek to try them next week, giving the Klansmen time to confer with counsel.—United Press.

The Bagdad Pact Is Dead, He Says

Cairo, Jan. 20.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mr Mahmoud Fawzy, told the Egyptian National Assembly tonight that "the Bagdad Pact is dead."

He said its policy was to destroy national liberation movements in the Middle East. Egypt aimed to uncover the purpose of such pacts and would not join any bloc as she was a neutralist.

Egypt had chosen the road of peace and security and refused humiliating pacts...

ATTITUDE

Mr Fawzy was answering a deputy's question on Egypt's attitude to the United States plan to strengthen the Bagdad Pact and link it with other imperialist pacts threatening Egyptian and other liberated states' independence.

Answering another question Mr Fawzy said Egypt found it "impossible" to pay Jordan \$5,000,000 as stipulated by the Arab League agreement, because "Egypt found this would serve the aims of imperialism since imperialism plotted against Jordan's national regime and she was pulled away from the policy of liberation.—Reuter.

Gold Mines In China

Paris, Jan. 20.

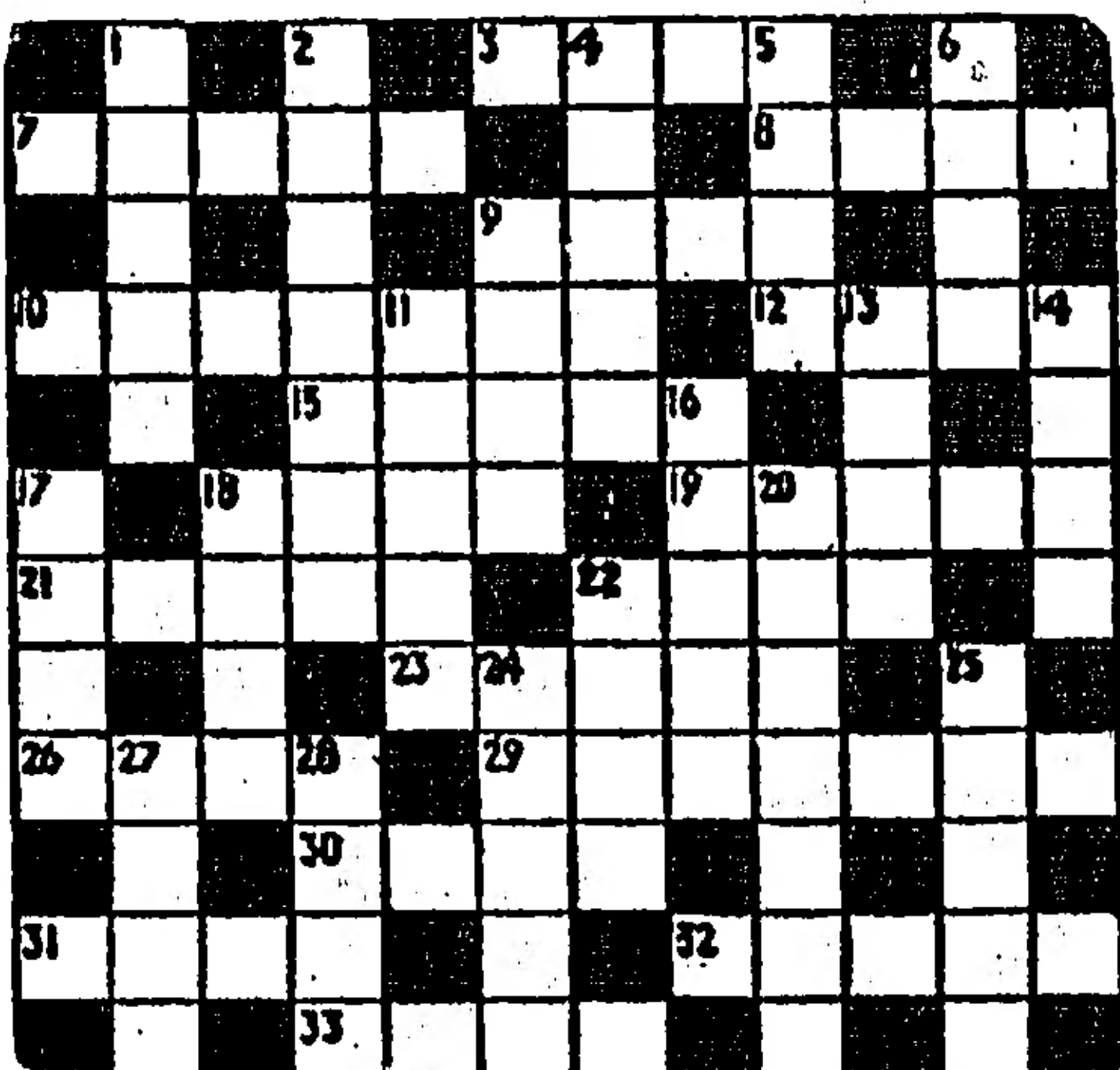
More than 27,000 thousand ounces of gold will be mined in 1958 in Liaoning and Heilongjiang provinces, Northeast China, Radio Peking reported. In Liaoning province, three gold ore refineries are scheduled to be built. Gold ore deposits in the province are estimated at 2,400,000 tons, spreading over 20 municipalities and counties.—France-Press.

Exit For Oxen

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 21.

The ox is on the way out in Malaya. Official figures released today show that in the north Malayan state of Perak alone, 200 farmers have bought tractors in the past four years.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Indifferent; in fact, doubly so (4).
 - He's always in the school-master's eye (5).
 - Put to flight (4).
 - Counterfeit (4).
 - Proceed from some source (7).
 - Awkward situation in the kitchen? (4).
 - Eat into (5).
 - Look both ways! (4).
 - Fleet flyer? (5).
 - Butter maker? (5).
 - Sporting body (4).
 - Make more decorative (5).
 - Fail to make a hit with a girl? (4).
 - Made-up dish (7).
 - Lake for anglers? (4).
 - Carry on (4).
 - Knock up twenty? (5).
 - Performance in a solicitor's office, maybe (4).
- DOWN**
- Quar game, apparently (5).
 - He makes way for others (7).
 - K.O.'d (5).
 - Spheres (4).
 - Sandy tract (4).
 - Lay off, there! (4).
 - Horrifying, for instance (5).
 - Abound (4).
 - Owl-like? (4).
 - Not baseball pitchers (5).
 - Poor stuff but it comes to the top (5).
 - Not the best jokes (4).
 - What a looter will do (7).
 - Hard labour (4).
 - Lazy-hones (5).
 - Coquette (5).
 - Male name (4).
 - Got moving (5).

MONDAY'S SOLUTION—Across: 1 Chase, 7 Hall, 9 Waver, 10 Cross, 11 Spar (and rev), 13 Deliberate, 16 Ends, 18 Nest, 19 Demolishes, 23 Over, 24 Opens, 25 Debut, 26 Bits, 27 Laxly, Down: 2 Ho-Vel, 3 Scrib, 4 Secure, 5 Chastens, 6 View, 8 Aspen, 12 Rase, 13 Diego, 14 Interest, 17 A-dept, 18 Moral, 20 Index, 21 Habit, 22 Vaid.

Little Rock Dynamite Found In School

Little Rock, Jan. 20. Little Rock police acting on a tip to a local radio station, found a stick of dynamite hidden in a locker at the Central High School today.

The police chief said after the discovery that the dynamite had no fuse and was not meant to explode but only to create disorder.

Classes at the school were not interrupted during the 90-minute search. The city was the scene of bitter riots last September when Federal troops were sent in by President Eisenhower to enforce a Supreme Court order to integrate negroes and whites in classes at the Central High School.

There are 2,000 students at the secondary school.—France-Press.

Orphan Goes 'Home'

THE CONTROVERSY OVER KOREAN LAD ENDS

New York, Jan. 20. LEE Kyung Soo Paladino, 16, Korean war orphan adopted four years ago by a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy, was being again today with his foster grandparents, Mr and Mrs Joseph Paladino.

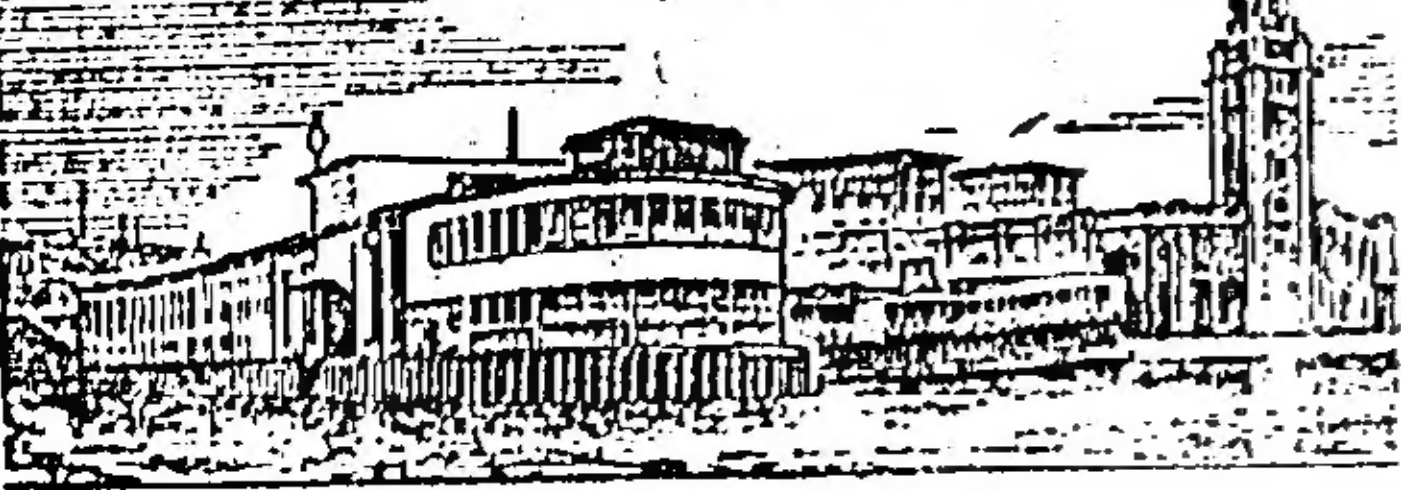
Lee was flown here from Charleston, South Carolina, in an apparent happy ending to a family controversy which had led to his separation from his foster father, James Paladino. Paladino signed a release to allow Lee to leave the jurisdiction of the Charleston Department of Welfare.

Then, Paladino married, adopted his wife's two children by a previous marriage and moved with his new family to Charleston.

Mrs Paladino found, she said, that in the southern town Lee's racial origin caused a conflict she could not endure. Paladino placed Lee in a foster home, with the assistance of the Department of Welfare. The months were on until the case was given publicity.

Returned here, Lee smiled happily when he found his final room in the big house with his own desk, and the picture book and crayons that he had left. The boy will be called again in the Holy Name Parochial School to start life anew, his grandparents said.—United Press.

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A JOURNEY TO THE FAR NORTH IN SEARCH OF MISSING GUSTO

The house with a view explains the mystery of Eric Linklater

ROBERT PITMAN'S
 BOOK PAGE

HERE at the topmost edge of Scotland, at a solitary white mansion high above the grey land-locked sea, I have been investigating one of Scotland's national mysteries. This is my report.

I came to the mansion by night. As I drove up the long, dark drive the Northern Lights glimmered eerily above the bare trees. Then suddenly brightness swept out across the frost and snow. In the lighted doorway of the big old house stood the man I was seeking. Mr Eric Linklater, the author.

What exactly has been happening to Eric Linklater?

In the thirties he was one of the brightest of the bright boys. He worked in India, he roomed in Russia and Tibet. His roughish knock-about satire, *Juan in America*, followed by *Juan in China*—was one of the big best-sellers of the age.

He took down a British helmet which nestled among the bookshelves. A ragged bullet hole had been punched through the crown.

Linklater tilted his long bald head. He said: "See that putter in my skull. I got that as a private in the Black Watch in 1917."

From the trenches young Linklater went back to Aberdeen to study medicine. Refilling my glass he told me:—

"I was the most monstrously bad medical student in Scotland. I simply couldn't pass anatomy. Still, I am a qualified midwife."

Linklater talked of his travels: "But as a Scotch writer, I believe that I've got to live here among my own people."

"Scotch?" I asked. "In England I've always been taught to say Scots or Scottish."

Linklater snorted. "A modern find. There's no basis for it at all. In Scotland people have always said either 'Scotch' or 'Scots'—just as they please."

Mrs Linklater, as pretty and sharp as any Linklater heroine, called us into dinner. She said: "You must forgive our ideas about meals. This is a terrible rickety. It contains bits of every meal we've had for about a week."

I was introduced to the Linklater family. To Andrew and Magnus, black-haired and bright in their early teens, to Christine, a teacher at a drama school.

This week-end I believe I have the answer.

The man I met at the porch was short, almost jauntily. He wore a yellow tie, a check waistcoat. He led me to his study and poured out whisky. Like Linklater, it was something special from the Orkneys. He said: "I have taken the liberty of mixing in water for you. It's so much stronger than the stuff you get over the bars in London."

From whisky he turned to other subjects. But not to little

Swedish girls who run away to sea. He talked about war, light the talk and banter sparkled. Listening, I forgot I had arrived just an hour before. This was a family I had always belonged to.

From the Scottish writer of tough, virile tales... a book that's mainly for children

LATEST BOOK

BUT where is Linklater now?

For thousands (and I am one) he remains Scotland's greatest living writer. But for the millions? Linklater, hidden for 10 years in the far north, is now just another face in the whisky adverts which feature his white-haired friend, Sir Compton Mackenzie.

Why?

Do you remember Linklater's books of old?

They contained some irresistible love scenes. But those novels were also tough, virile. Take *Magnus Merriman*. That contains the craziest drunken brawl since *Fanny Hill*.

But what is Linklater's new book? It is called *KARINA WITH LOVE* (Macmillan, 15s.). It is about a pretty teenage Swedish girl who runs away to sea. It is—say the publishers—"mainly for children." It is charming, tasteful, beautifully illustrated. But it is hardly like the old bawling, war-loving Linklater.

WHIMSICAL?

WHAT has happened? Has he become a whimsical writer of children's books, a kind of *Gaelic Gulliver*? Has he hidden himself up north because his gusto is falling?

Linklater moved restlessly around the table pouring out claret. He said: "I never get angry about things these days."

He cried: "Bilemoi! I repeat I never get angry. But I am glad there is someone who can—your John Gordon. He's the only effective Angry Young Man of the lot."

There were silver candlesticks on the table. In their flickering

SAILING MAN

THE port came round. Then Linklater cried: "The interview! We must get on with the interview." He and I returned to the study.

Linklater fetched a second bottle of port.

He said: "My father was an Orkney man, a captain of sailing-ships. He went round the Horn several times. And my mother went with him."

He shook his head and smiled. "The life didn't do her any harm, bless her. She died last month, aged 90."

I noticed that my port glass had become full again. I said: "I've read in one of your books how you first decided to write a novel. You heard that a girl you were once in love with had actually had a novel published. You were so envious that you wrote one too."

Linklater laughed: "Perfectly true. We were students at Aberdeen when I knew her. And I'll tell you her name. She was *Lesley Storm*."

Linklater explained *Karina With Love*. "I promised a friend, a brilliant Swedish photographer, that we should write a book together in pictures and words. This is the result."

I said: "I was once trying to find big authors who were total. But the only author the Church Temperance Council could suggest was *Kald Blyton*."

Linklater's eyes blazed with delight. He said: "My word, if only one could get *Kald Blyton* to play—what a splendid



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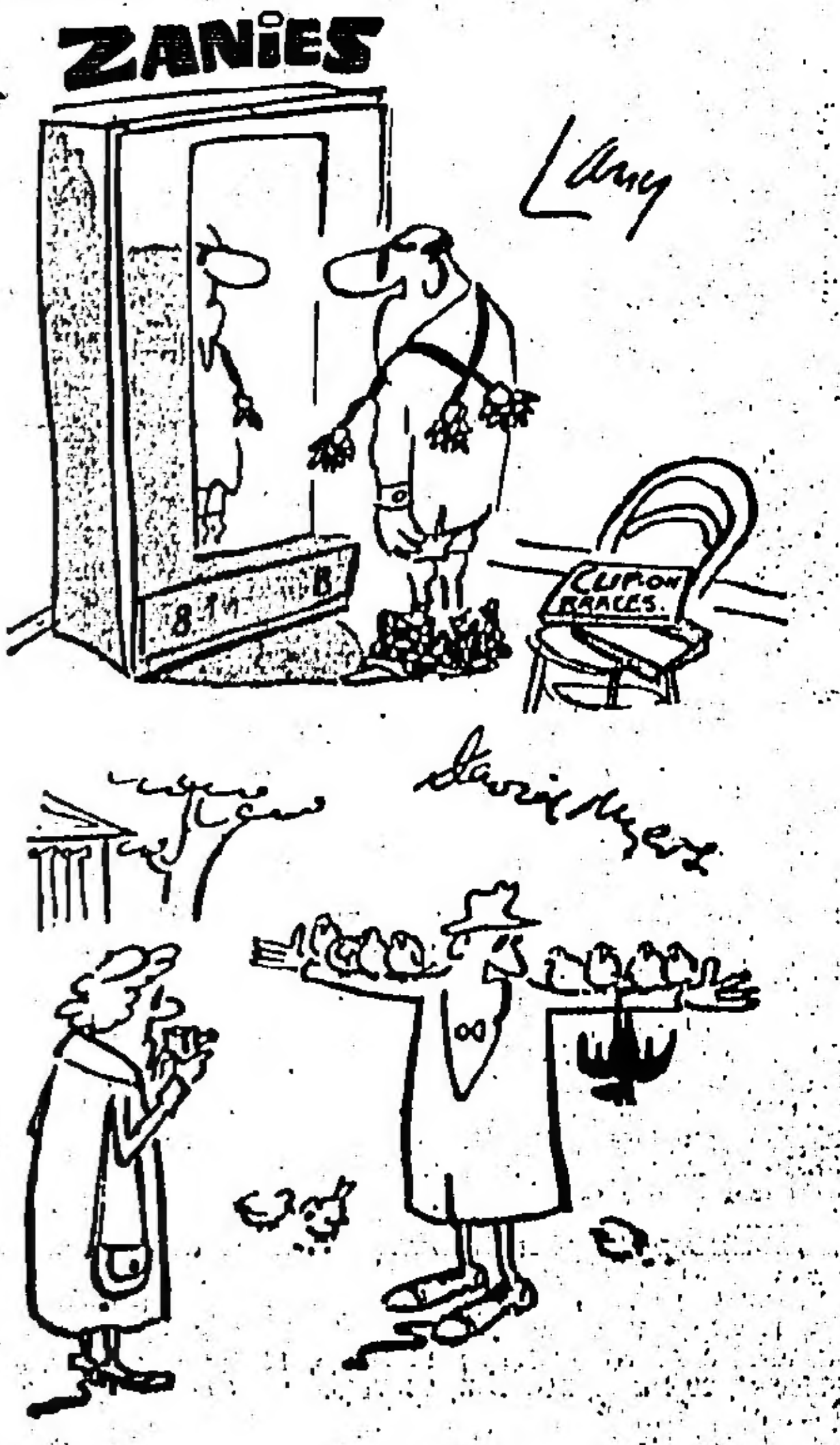
Suddenly everything fitted together. I realised that, whether his genius gets its deserts or not, Linklater is easily the most successful author of our times in the most important thing. In the business of living.

I realised that Linklater has not hidden himself away. For him that house with the view of the mountains is plumb at the centre of the universe.

IN BRIEF

● I LIKE IT HERE, by Kingsley Amis. This strange but sharply entertaining travel book (disguised as a novel) by the *Lucky Jim* man is sure to upset the Hampstead set. He pokes fun at homosexuals at earnest literary chatters, at the cultured folk who like to say that the French and Italians "know more about the art of living." Here is his new hero, Bowen, thinking about beer and about his genteel mother-in-law, whose name is Mrs Knowles.

"Beer was cheaper while still sharing with gin and Burgundy the property of making him drunk. This last factor, had received insufficient acclaim. He thought to himself that if he over went into the brewing business his posters would have written across the top 'Bowen's Beer', and then underneath that a picture of Mrs Knowles drinking a lot of it and falling about, and then across the bottom in bold lettering, the words 'Makes You Drunk.' (Goldinger, 13s. 6d.)."



This Funny World



"No ruse, but they moved me one desk nearer the electric fan."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE decision to refuse admission to people who come to football matches carrying bottles must be applied with discrimination.

An empty beer bottle is usually intended to be used as a weapon, whereas a full bottle of Latour 1929, is more likely to be for drinking during the game. A rough-looking fellow with a magnum of an inferior brand of champagne under his arm is always suspect, but the shy fellow with a tiny sample bottle of cognac is more likely to be a genuine drinker than a rowdy. If he goes wild during the game, his little bottle, even flung with warring aim, will not do much harm.

Telespeakerece

BEHIND the decree that female television announcers are to be called "speakeers" is the story of a good man's love, an old mother's tears, and a bag of hard delivered at the wrong address. A much-dreaded "speakeerette" and "announcette" were rejected with contempt. So was "televisionaries" as being too vague. Before taking you over to Ankara for a dissection of a dead crayfish by Dr. Tramin here is a tape-recording of a gramophone record of Mme. Kodivla Oyul singing 38 songs by Schupliel.

Mothur Grange (VIII)

STAY! What is this? In the offices of Pipp, Chalgrave, Pipp, Nibbleraff, Pipp, Whacks, and Welf, solicitors, Alfred Sludd, hardly recognizable without his covering of soot, stands awkwardly before the desk of Mr Welf. He has come to make an offer on his daughter's behalf, for Mothur Grange, balliffs and all. It is to be a wedding-present from Nellie Sludd to her husband the shepherd on their marriage. Mr Welf is so amazed that he forgets to look at the floor with a light bulb. He coughs, dregts, and coughs again. "Amazing," he mutters, for he remembers the Grange in its days of glory.

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

BORN on this first day of the incoming sign, Aquarius, you are ruled by Uranus, God of the Air. You are a return of the God of Time. You have a strong, forceful personality which is one of the basic requisites for leadership. You are a scientist in your thinking and a seeker after truth in all aspects of life. There is a quiet reserve and dignity about you which makes you a person to whom others will turn in times of crisis. You seem to know exactly how to handle any situation and never waste time about it, either.

Your intuitions are keen and you are able to sense a situation well ahead of time. You size up the job to be done and then get going and do it. If there is a red flag to be cut, then you set it; if there are obstacles in your path, you figure out how to get around or over them. In other words, you are a fine person to have around in any emergency.

You are not due to act on impulse without a good reason and you cut

he depended upon to get to the truth of a matter. Honest, dependable and reliable, you are not always as frank as you should be. You have learned to keep your own counsel until it is time to act on something. You have the ability to plot and plan without ever losing the appearance of being sincere. You are a rather complex personality and only those close to you really know you.

You are a home-loving soul and will be happiest when you are with your family. You are a person who will be quite young for your age. You are a person who will be quite young for your age.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Business and financial problems should be solved during the next few days. You can if you try! Work at it. (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you are co-operative with your co-workers, you will find that you will be able to work out your future plans.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Make no decisions without definite proof. Analysis and reason are better than impulse at this time. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Artistic careers are favoured. Increase your popularity by meeting friends, old and new, at a social gathering.

GEORGINA (May 22-June 21)—Musical and dramatic careers are highly favoured. Put your best foot forward. Make contacts important to your future. CANCER (June 22-July 21)—A day of varied social and domestic interests. Your intuitions will lead you correctly in some romantic episode.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22)—You may share in a legacy which comes up for decision today. Be co-operative with others for the best possible results. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Strive to maintain peace and harmony in both domestic and business relationships. It is important to your welfare.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—During the daytime hours concentrate on getting the job done; and when evening comes, you can relax socially. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)—Advance some career in music. Perhaps you can give inspiration and encourage a child in working towards an artistic goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Intuitions can be trusted in matters involving love and romance. Remind with true affection. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Encourage cultural pursuits. You may have a real inspiration which should be followed for lasting success.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Double Creates Added Hazard

By OSWALD JACOBY

LARCHEN LOU did not like the bidding. He never liked it when the opponents bid a slam against him. It also occurred to him that the slam should make. He did not like the position of his king of clubs in front of the opening club bid.

Strong measures seemed necessary and Lou decided that a double might cause South to go wrong.

Lou's next step was to open the four of clubs. Without the double South might well have taken the ball by the horns and let the lead run around to his queen but South was positive that Lou had to be leading a short suit.

South went up with Dummy's ace, ruffed a club in his own hand, showed the king of spades and led a spade to dummy's ace. At this point Lou showed out of spades and South realised that he had been bamboozled.

NORTH (D)			
♠ A 9 4 3			
♥ None			
♦ A K 7			
♣ A J 9 8 7 5			
WEST			
♠ 8			
♥ A 9 8 5			
♦ 8 5 3			
♣ K 10 4 2			
EAST			
♠ Q 10 2			
♥ Q 10 4 2			
♦ Q 10 9 4			
♣ 3			
SOUTH			
♠ K J 7 6 5			
♥ K J 7 3			
♦ J 6 2			
♣ Q			
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 4			

Unfortunately for him there was nothing more he could do about it. He went up with the ace, ruffed another club, ruffed a heart in dummy and ruffed a fourth club with his last trump.

He still had some faint hope of making the hand. Perhaps the queen of diamonds would drop or maybe the defence would slip somewhere.

He got back to dummy with a diamond and played a club. East ruffed right away and simply shot a heart back. Lou did have that ace and played it to force dummy's last trump. Dummy's little diamond was still a losing trick and Lou's double had paid off.

Of course, South might have gone down without the double. Also he might have made the hand. We will never know.

CARD GAME			
North	East	South	West
♠ 4	♠ 2	♠ 3	♠ 5
♥ 2	♥ 3	♥ 4	♥ 5
♦ 3	♦ 4	♦ 5	♦ 6
♣ 5	♣ 6	♣ 7	♣ 8

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠
You, South, hold:
♠ K 2 ♠ J 7 6 4 3 ♠ A Q 10 4
What do you do?
A—Bid three no-trumps. You have 15 points and stoppers in all suits. Your partner might pass if you only bid two no-trumps.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You hold the same hand. Instead of bidding two spades your partner has bid three spades. What do you, South, do now?

TARGET			
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M	R	L	

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters must be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names.

TODAY'S SOLUTION: 19 words: pool; 27 words, very good; 34 words, excellent; 50 letters in all.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: 34 words: hidden; 34 words, very good; 34 words, excellent; 50 letters in all.

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From actual play; Black to move and win.
London Express Service

WOMANSENSE

EILEEN ASCROFT has just celebrated her 42nd birthday. JANE BACON is about to have her 23rd. Both look back to their twentieth birthdays and disagree. "Terrible," says Eileen. "I wouldn't be 20 again." "Wonderful," says Jane. "It was my Golden Year." Who is right?

I WOULDN'T BE TWENTY AGAIN

SALAD Days may have their own nostalgia, but I wouldn't be 20 again, even if I could put the clock back 21 years.

I wouldn't want to work six days a week from 9.00 till 7.30 for £4 10s. a week, and spend the whole of Sunday catching up on the housework.

The ties of a two-year-old baby at 20 are tough. I mean staying home at night, because baby sitters were economically cut of the question. No cinemas, no theatres, apart from seats in the gallery on my birthday, when an obliging mother could be persuaded to pass an uncomfortable night on a lumpy couch.

Babies, too, bring other worries to the very young, who are struggling hard to make a career. The money carefully saved for a new office dress invariably disappeared on baby shoes or cod liver oil and malt.

I shall never forget the tearful shame of having to leave him feverish and fretful with my daily woman while I went off to an office where married women and their troubles were not encouraged.

My £1-a-week two-room home half over a chimney sweep's shop, half over a garage, would horrify me today.



I never did care much for mice in quantity and setting traps was even worse. Young love may be wonderful in its way. But it's mighty uncomfortable when you're broke.

The Golden Year of Twenty was never more wrongly named. One gets hurt too easily, one worries too much, and one has not yet achieved the poised hint enables one to rise above a home-cut hairdo and darned stockings.

I hadn't learned how to laugh at myself. I took all reverses the hardest possible way, and I never walked into a room without feeling shy.

No, I wouldn't be 20 again. The thirties are the Golden Years, the forties even better, when the hard work of the early years has borne fruit and one has learned at last humour, tolerance and poise.

EILEEN ASCROFT

—BUT TWENTY

WAS MY GOLDEN YEAR

MY twentieth year was a Golden Year. The year of my first latch key, my bachelor flat shared with gay girl friends, and a pay packet of £6 10s. a week that made possible a professional hairdo and a new dress every month.

Naturally one suffers the bitter sweet pangs of disappointment, pride, envy and uncertainty. But what fun it was to sample life first-hand for myself, away from the restricted small world of school.

A working life brought its own crop of worries, but I soon learned these were a pleasure, not a chore.

TRANSITION
In my tiny flat (rent 38s.), perched on top of a Victorian London.

monstrously overlooking Victoria Station, I passed from a rather lonely stranger to an inveterate Londoner, with a diffuse set of cosmopolitan friends.

There was the new fun of learning to give and take with my two girl flat-mates, the inventing of ingenious ways to whittle the housekeeping down to £1 a week.

Only seldom did one have pangs of envy at the molly-coddling of one's friends, who still clung to the charity of home.

Only on the weekly "evening in," dining off poached eggs and oranges, did one regret the stone lost in the first two months of dashing around



A business day was 10 to 5, with two days' complete freedom at the end of the week. Sheer bliss to sleep till nine after the early risings of weekly newspaper days; to spend week-ends at home by the sea when one felt like it, or two days of freedom in London; to spend all the time in the work ferreting round London for a shirt or an old rose print.

The party-going mania soon worked out of my system, and left time to develop as a theatre, cinema and concert-goer.

Careful budgeting, and one one could afford to play hostess once a week, with spaghetti bolognese or a macaroni cheese, washed down handsomely with a 7s. 6d. Spanish wine.

Even if two years have bought slightly more comfortable surroundings and more elastic budgeting, with holidays a little farther afield than Paris, twenty was a wonderful year, the year of my first grown up independence and fun.

JANE BACON
(—London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Who Needs A Tailor?

—Everybody Got Spruced Up Without One—

By MAX TRELL

"WELL," said General Tin, the Tin Soldier, to Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, "I'm afraid that what we need in this house is a tailor."

"A tailor?" said Knarf, soundly surprised. General Tin would have had that ace and played it to force dummy's last trump. Dummy's little diamond was still a losing trick and Lou's double had paid off.

Of course, South might have gone down without the double. Also he might have made the hand. We will never know.

"This morning," he said, "I took a walk around the house. Everybody I met needed new clothes. And that's why I say we should have a tailor."

"Who needs new clothes?" asked Knarf.

"Everybody," said General Tin. "Just come along and I'll show you."

Knarf walked beside General Tin as they crossed to the other side of the room.

"Hi, there," said Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, poking his head out from under one of the chairs. "Are you looking for me?"

"I don't know," said Knarf. He glanced at General Tin, who looked to him and fro again in his nodding way.

"I think Teddy just needs a bath," said Knarf.

"Maybe you're right," said General Tin.

"I don't want a bath," shouted Teddy in an alarmed voice as he started to run away.

Knarf and General Tin grabbed him.

Half an hour later, having been soaped and bathed, Teddy's fur, or his skin, looked as good as new.

"You were right," General Tin said to Knarf. "Our friend Ted didn't need a tailor at all. But he doesn't take care of the rest of our friends."

Knarf met the rest of the folks in the house who General Tin thought needed new clothes.

Among them were Canary, Mary Jane the Rag Doll, Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Indian, Mr. Punch, and a Caterpillar, who was living on

the underside of a geranium left in the window. The Canary didn't need a tailor. He needed new feathers. And they were growing in.

"Yes," said Knarf to Teddy. "Come out from under that chair. We'd like to see more of you."

At this, Teddy crawled out from under the chair.

"Stand up straight," said General Tin. "Now turn around slowly—please."

Without knowing why he was being asked to do these things, Teddy got to his feet and turned around.

"See!" said General Tin to Knarf. "Just look how shabby our Teddy's clothes are."

"Clothes?" said Knarf. "Teddy has no clothes!"

"That's my skin you're talking about," said Teddy.

"This animal," said General Tin to Knarf, "is so stupid that he doesn't know he's wearing clothes. He thinks it's his skin."

"It is my skin," said Teddy. "It's my fur skin. It looks like fur but it's my skin."

"You need a new suit of clothes!" said General Tin.

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WHAT AN UPROAR IT CAUSED

Low Hoad Relates Facts About How Australian Lawn Tennis Is Run

By CHARLES STEVENS

London.

On July 5 of last year, a sportsman made what must surely rate as the most misleading statement of 1957. At a Press Conference, following his great Wimbledon triumph, Lewis A. Hoad solemnly declared: "I am not turning professional." He repeated it on television and again the next day at the Wimbledon Ball.

Two days later he was in New York—signing a two-year contract to play professional tennis.

What an uproar it caused. Sports writers were rightly annoyed that they had been let up the garden path. The Lawn Tennis Association of Australia was furious because Hoad had broken a written undertaking not to abandon his amateur status before January 31, 1958.

Australian fans were angry because they felt this move weakened their chances of retaining the Davis Cup. Sir Norman Brookes, former Wimbledon Champion, summed up the hostile feelings when he said: "Disgusting. Hoad could not have done this in a snublier way."

But was it really so disgusting as it seemed at the time? Since then, Australia has retained the Davis Cup without Hoad's help. And, despite suggestions that he should be banned from playing in his own country, Hoad and Jack Kramer's other professionals are now making a successful tour of Australia.

Now fresh light is thrown on the motives behind Hoad's action by the timely publication of "My Game" by Low Hoad (Hodder and Stoughton, 16s.).

Everyone knows why Hoad decided to turn professional when he did. Kramer's offer of £45,000 was too tempting to decline. In addition, he knew that his back trouble might one day recur to prevent him earning that kind of money.

But why was he so secretive about it? Because he was afraid—afraid that he might suffer the same fate as the former Wimbledon Champion, Tony Trabert.

Kramer's Offer

Hoad writes: "The United States Lawn Tennis Association declared Tony Trabert a professional because he had announced acceptance of Kramer's offer. Trabert had signed no contract, but received a single dollar, but the USTA ruled that merely announcing his intentions to leave amateurism made him a professional."

So Low played safe, denying that he would accept a professional contract. He was, in fact, sealed and delivered. If there had been a last minute snag in the negotiations with Kramer, he might have found himself reliving an amateur for a professional tennis player.

"My Game", written by Hoad in collaboration with Jack Pollard, makes fascinating reading for anyone who has ever played or followed tennis. It tells the story of Hoad from the time he began hitting a ball against a wall as a small boy in Sydney to the time he became the first Wimbledon Champion to retain his title since the war.

It also reveals his own personal feelings and relates interesting facts about how Australian tennis is run and the influence of sporting goods firms who employ young stars.

Indeed, it is really two books in one, for at the end we are generously treated to an instructional section in which he tells in detail how to achieve a high standard at tennis.

But, for me, the most interesting revelations concern Hoad's temperamental displays on court. Some experts believe that he will never become the top professional while he allows his concentration to be broken by such incidents as a late cry by a linesman, or the bad behaviour of a crowd.

Until a short time ago, Hoad did not realise how temperamental he could be. He writes: "When I watched films of my matches in cinemas or on television, I was constantly surprised at the gestures, the pained expressions I showed, the annoyance and the foolish misdeeds."

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Hongkong FA League Fixtures For Jan. 25-26

The following Hongkong Football Association League matches have been arranged for week-ends ending January 25-26:

January 25

1ST DIVISION

Eastern v. R.A.F. Caroline Hill, 3.45 p.m. Ref. K. W. Delgatty; Lines. S. U. Woo and Luk Tai-sun.
Club v. Tung Wah, Navy, 3.45 p.m. Ref. R. Marsden-White; Lines. E. Derbyshire and Cheung Yai-sang.
C.A.A. v. Kwong Wah, Boundary St., 3.45 p.m. Ref. R. Webb; Lines. W. Weavings and F. R. Pratlett.

RESERVE DIVISION

Club v. Tung Wah, Navy, 2.15 p.m. Ref. J. W. Lambden; Lines. B. W. Middleton and Hau Sik-wah.

2ND DIVISION

Talkoo v. South China, Caroline Hill, 2.15 p.m. Ref. F. A. Barretto; Lines. George Jor and Liu Kin-chung.
R.M.E. v. Gymnastic, Boundary St., 2.15 p.m. Ref. W. S. Campbell; Lines. Wong Wah-kay and Chu Che-shing.

Telephone v. Prisons, H.V., 2.15 p.m. Ref. D. P. Lai; Lines. P. Manson and Yu Loong-kin.
Caroline Hill v. St. Joseph's, H.V., 3.45 p.m. Ref. J. Moore; Lines. J. B. Haigh and J. C. Beresford.

C & W v. Alcorn, H.V., 3.45 p.m. Ref. Wong King-chung; Lines. Lai Shu-wing and S. Y. Kwok.

3RD DIVISION

Mercantile v. Dodwell, H.V., 2.15 p.m. Ref. P. Phillips; Lines. Chu Kam-shing and H.M. Tam.
Red Lion v. Watsons, H.V., 2.15 p.m. Ref. Mak Hin-sang; Lines. Cheung Hon-kee and Wong Kam-fai.

King Godown v. University, H.V., 3.45 p.m. Ref. Tso Hon-ki; Lines. R. Gray and A. A. James.

January 26

1ST DIVISION

South China v. Police, Caroline Hill, 3.45 p.m. Ref. F. J. Kirkham; Lines. R. Gray/A.A. James.

Kitchee v. Jardine Club, 3.45 p.m. Ref. T. McLoughlin; Lines. G. H. Pritchard and Li Ping-pai.

Army v. Sing Tao Boundary St., 3.45 p.m. Ref. Mak Young-fai; Lines. Lee Kan-chi and Lee Tak-kee KMB (bye).

RESERVE DIVISION

South China v. Police, Caroline Hill, 2.15 p.m. Ref. F. J. Kirkham; Lines. Y. C. Mak and W. H. Lau.

Army v. Sing Tao Boundary St., 2.15 p.m. Ref. F. J. O'Brien; Lines. Liu Ting-kai and Chan Man-chung.

2ND DIVISION

R.A.M.C. v. Tramways, H.V., 3.45 p.m. Ref. Chan Shiu-chun; Lines. Digby Lee and Wong Kam-fai.

Navy v. R.A.F. Sai Wan, Navy, 3.45 p.m. Ref. C. Beresford; Lines. R. Morrison and Cheung Tang-sun.

3RD DIVISION

A.F.S. v. Happy Valley Club, 2.15 p.m. Ref. Ng Yue-wah; Lines. J. C. Beresford and J. B. Haigh.

S & S Tamar v. R.H. Navy, 2.15 p.m. Ref. Tang Nai-bun; Lines. Yu Loong-kin and Wong Yui-chun.

Wayfoong P.S.A. v. South China, H.V., 2.15 p.m. Ref. Li Fook-on; Lines. Yau Wah-hing and Cheung Hon-kee.

CAT v. C.M.B., H.V., 3.45 p.m. Ref. Ng Chun-wing; Lines. H. N. Tam and Leo Sum.

Gonzales Beaten

Perth, Jan. 20. Low Hoad (Australia) beat Pancho Gonzales (United States) 12-10, 6-4 today to lead by seven wins to five in their 100-match series for the World Professional Lawn Tennis Championship.—Reuter.

SPORTING GAM

by Reg. Wootton



A SECOND DOCHERTY?

Johnnie Crossan To Join Notts Forest

By JAMES CONNOLLY

London.

Johnnie Crossan, 19-year-old Irish inside forward described as the second Peter Docherty, will join Nottingham Forest. Take that scoop of the season as certain—then watch the wincing from a queue of other English League clubs, including Portsmouth, Bolton, Fulham, and poor old Arsenal, who all wanted this sensational Derry City boy.

And if you ask Forest chief scout Freddie Scott how Crossan rates he will tell you just what Arsenal are missing.

"Crossan is better than Portsmouth's new Irish centre forward Derek Dougan," says Freddie.

Arsenal made their bid for wonder-boy Crossan last month, and terms were agreed. Crossan wanted to go to Highbury but changed his mind, saying: "I don't think I am ready for English football yet."

England goalkeeper Ray Wood has asked for a transfer from Manchester United. Wood has been No. 2 at Old Trafford since the champions bought Doncaster's Ireland goalkeeper Harry Gregg last month for £23,000.

Wood said this week: "I have no grudge against Harry, but the prospects look bleak."

Regular Place

"I am only 20, and would like to move to a club where I could be sure of a regular place in the first team. I have no particular club in mind."

Wood, who has played for England three times, signed for Manchester United in December 1949. And with United still in the FA and European Cups, he is unlikely to be allowed to go just yet.

After manager Matt Busby had heard Wood's request, right-winger Johnny Berry walked into the office.

MANAGER OR COACH?

EVERY CLUB MUST HAVE SOMEONE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OVER PLAYERS

Says TOM FINNEY

Mr Albert Line, Chairman of Exeter City FC, certainly put the cat among the pigeons when he was quoted as saying that managers were "obsolete" in modern football.

In fact, Mr Line was making the point that a manager's place is on the field with his players—not in the office—and that therefore the position really called for a team coach rather than a manager. Is he right or wrong? Do football clubs really need a manager?

I say yes. British football would take a hefty nose-dive if all the top League clubs scrapped the idea of having a manager and merely had a coach in charge of the players.

To prove that point, have a look at the top teams in the First Division. These are Wolves (managed by Stan Cullis), West Bromwich Albion (managed by Vic Buckingham), Preston North End (managed by Cliff Britton), Manchester United (managed by Matt Busby), Manchester City (managed by Les McDowell) and Nottingham Forest (managed by Billy Walker).

Every one is handled by a man who was a top grade player in his playing days. Every one carries the title of MANAGER.

Let's face it. Whether you call the man in charge a manager, team coach, director general of playing staff, charge hand, team manager, or just plain BOSS, the plain fact is that every club must have someone in complete control.

Many club directors do great deeds for football; their experience is often invaluable to a manager. I quite appreciate that as directors they must watch the financial state of the club with an eagle eye.

But show me a successful club and I will point out that in 99 cases out of a hundred they have a manager whom the players respect.

Full Control

It is far too easy to give a manager the "push" when a club is not doing well, but this does not always solve a problem. For the successful running of a League club you need a manager who has full control over his players; a man the players can trust, and go to as a friend, yet with the character to bridge the gap between the dressing room and boardroom so that directors respect him as much as the players do.

A manager must know football from A to Z; he must have a competent coaching staff to help him find young players and groom them for a first-team place. One man cannot do this job alone.

Stan Cullis and Matt Busby, two of the most successful managers in the modern game, would be the first to admit that though they are managers they are really the head of a managerial team which includes top coaches, scouts, training staff, etc.

Why is there this tendency in football to shy away from the name of football club manager as though it was a name to be reviled? After all, tennis has team managers; and so does athletics. Why shouldn't the boss man of a soccer club be known as a manager?

I don't agree with Mr Line at all that managers are "obsolete." Let's have more managers in full control of the playing staff, with the authority to pick a team without having directors telling them "This is the team for Saturday."

Football needs Managers, not lackeys; men who are in charge of a club and not just office boys. Don't fall for this line that managers are obsolete.

Charity Soccer

What a great hullabaloo there was when the League Management Committee stopped League players taking part in the Wembley five-a-side soccer tournament in aid of charity. I was due to take part. Why all this excitement because the League stepped in after the FA had given their sanction?

Facts must be faced. Football League clubs pay the players' wages and naturally they are concerned should any of their men get injured in matches outside the League.

As I see it, this is not a question of the League getting tough with anyone, either with the players or the FA. They are merely safeguarding their own interests.

Most footballers, like Billy Wright, Stan Matthews, Johnny Haynes, Nat Lethbridge, Gil

George Barnes To Defend Title In South Africa

Sydney, Jan. 20. British Empire welterweight Champion George Barnes today withdrew from the World Welterweight eliminations, his manager said.

Manager Jim Barker said Barnes would go to South Africa instead to defend his title against "Smiler" Jackie von Rensberg.

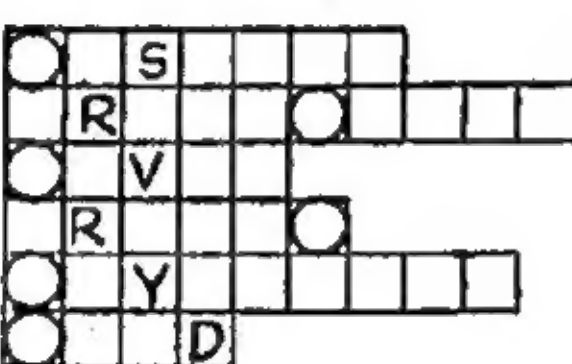
"The Rensberg fight is scheduled for March 15," Barker said. "We have given up all hope of fighting for the world title."

"The terms under which the Americans wanted George to fight in the United States should cost George about £2,000—it's money we want, not debts," United Press.

NAME SAKES



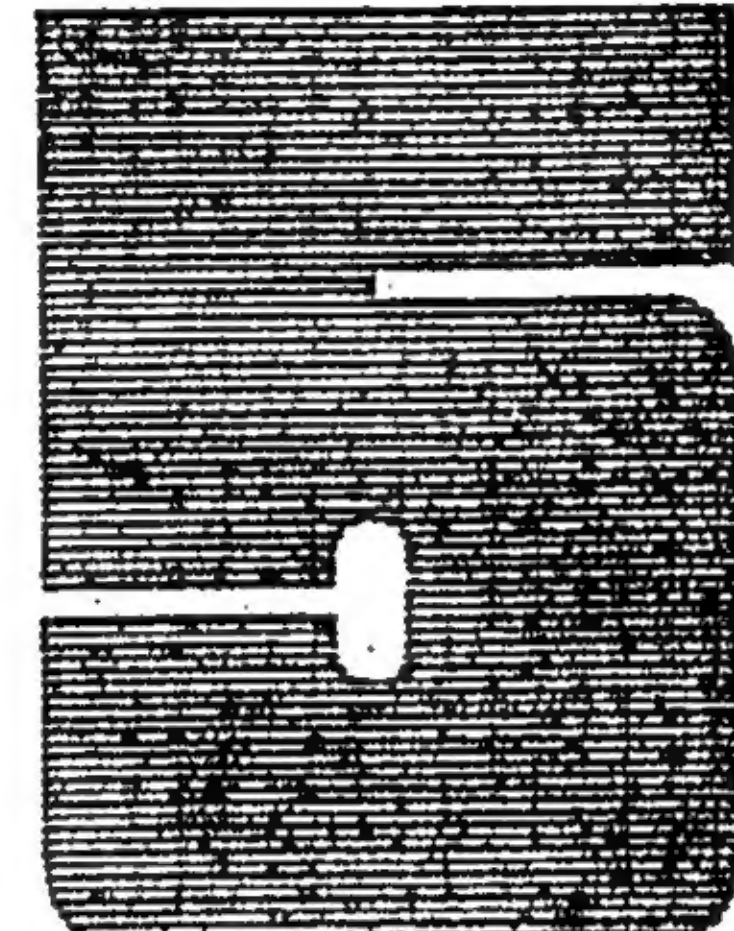
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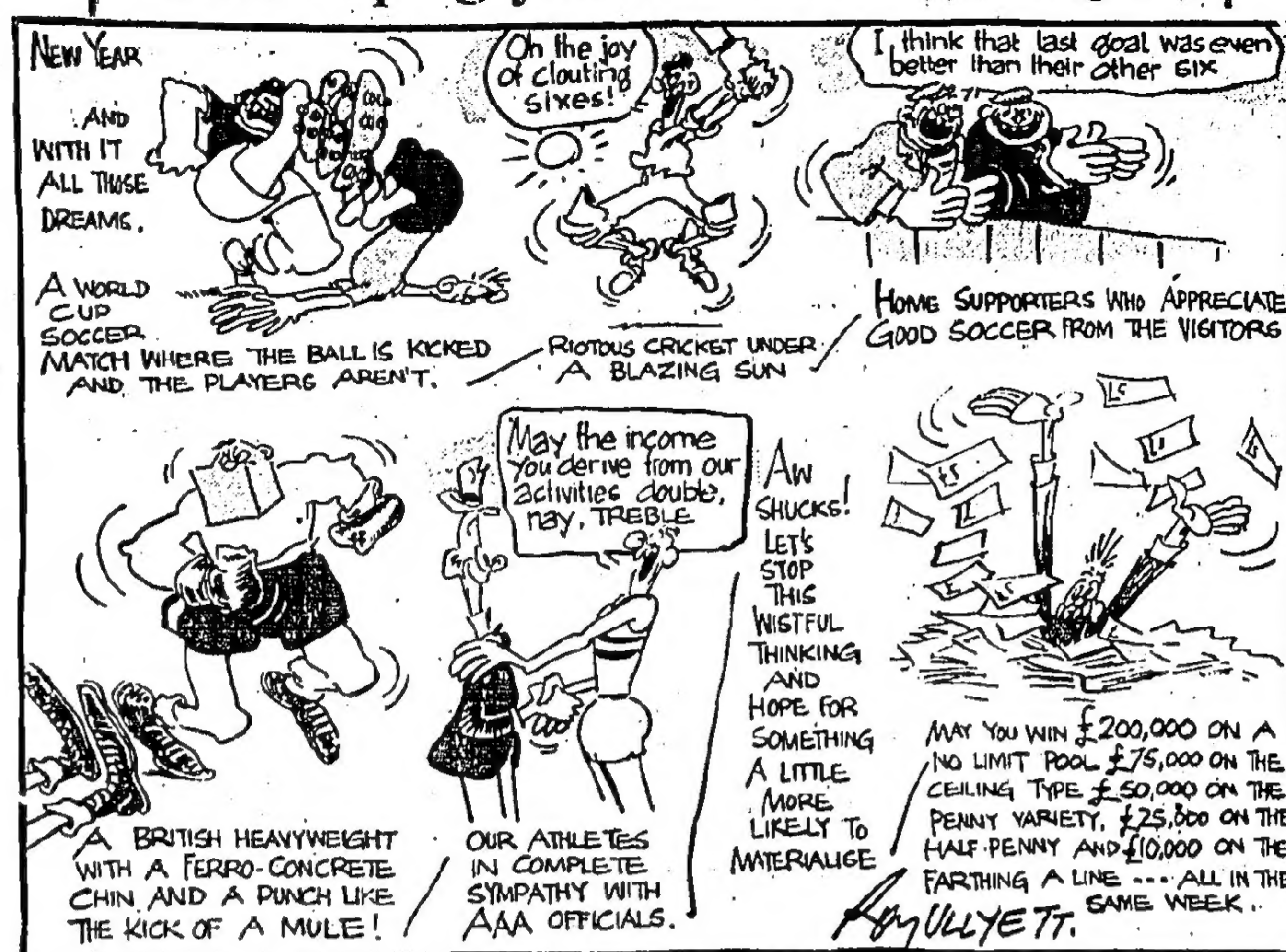
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ELIMINATION BOUT Machen-Folley Agree To Meet On March 17

San Francisco, Jan. 20. Eddie Machen and Zora Folley, leading contenders for Floyd Patterson's World Heavyweight title, agreed today to meet here on March 17 in a 12-round bout.

The American National Boxing Association proposed the fight to determine a challenger for Patterson.

Match-maker Bennie Ford said Machen and Folley had been guaranteed \$5,000 (about £1,700) each or 25 per cent of the gate receipts.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Shooting: Annual Bisley, Kati Tak range.
Golf: Ladies' Golf: Captain's Cup, semi-final Fanning.
TOMORROW
Shooting: Annual Bisley at Kati Tak range.
Soccer: Exhibition Soccer: Police Ground, Boundary Street, 3.15 p.m.
Cricket: Sports Police XI v Combined Services, Rectory, 1.30 p.m.
Rugby: Police v Club at HKFC ground, 6.30 p.m.
Golf: Ladies' Golf: Old Dragon's Cup, first round.

Japan To Meet Thailand In Davis Cup Tourney

Melbourne, Jan. 20. Japan has been drawn to meet Thailand in the First Round of the Eastern Zone of the 1958 Davis Cup Lawn Tennis Tournament, according to the draw made here today.

The Japan-Thailand match has to be completed by March 31. The winner of this tie meets the Philippines in the semi-finals to be completed by April 30.

The other semi-final in the Eastern Zone is between Ceylon and Malaya.

The final has to be completed by May 31.

The Draw

The draw was also made today for the European Zone. This resulted as follows:
First Round (To be completed by April 20):
Luxembourg v Finland, winners to meet Mexico.
Switzerland v Austria, winners to meet Poland.
India v Monaco, winners to meet Italy.
Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia, winners to meet Denmark.
Brazil v Hungary, winners to meet Britain.
Germany v The Netherlands, winners to meet Belgium.
Chile v Turkey, winners to meet France.
Egypt v Spain, winners to meet Sweden.
The Second Round must be completed by May 20, the Third Round by June 10, the semi-finals by July 22 and the final by August 8.
Belgium won the European Zone last year but were beaten in the Inter-Zone Final by the United States who unsuccessfully challenged Australia for the Cup.
The Philippines Eastern Zone winners last season, were beaten in an Inter-Zone match by the United States before the Americans met Belgium, India, who played in the Eastern Zone last year, now return to the European Zone where they have played before.—Reuter.

His Best Performance In Australia

Brisbane, Jan. 20. Bruce Doolland, the former Nottinghamshire bowler, today took six wickets for 97 runs for South Australia against Queensland here—his best performance in Australia since his last Sheffield Shield season nine years ago.

Against his accurate leg spinners, Queensland collapsed and were forced to follow-on after scoring 231 in reply to South Australia's 472.
By the close today, Queensland had made 114 for one wicket in their second innings. J. McLaughlin, highest scorer in Queensland's first innings with 52, and Lyons were both undefeated with scores of 51 and 33 respectively.
The four-day match ends tomorrow.—China Mail Special.

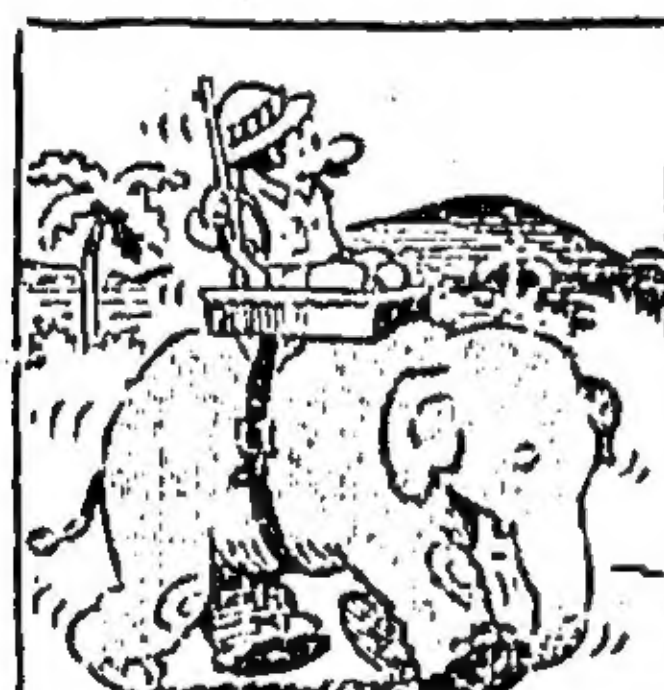
Where The Money Comes From

Mansfield Town spend £10,000 more than they took at the turnstiles last season, and still made a net profit of £10,189. How was it done? The Supporters' Club gave the parent body the amazing sum of £21,200 raised by sweepstakes, raffles, dances and whilst drives. A Third Division North club too.

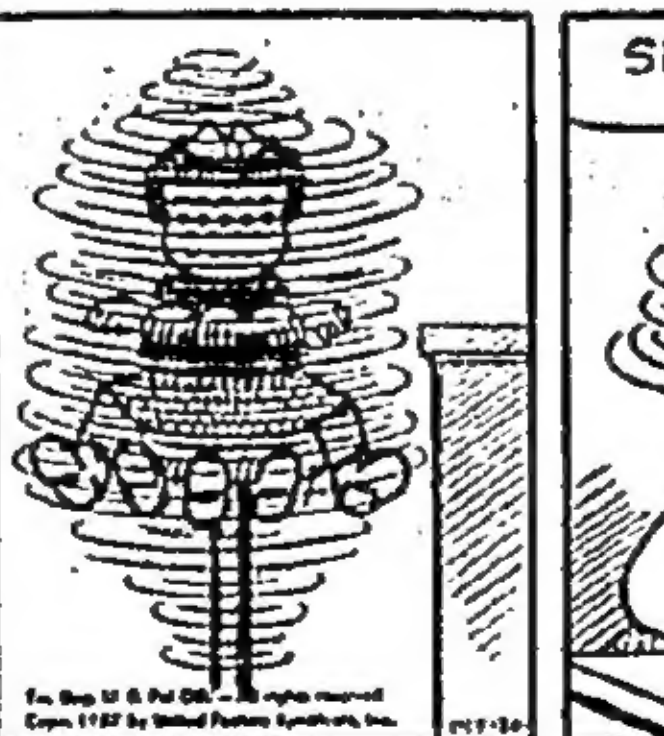
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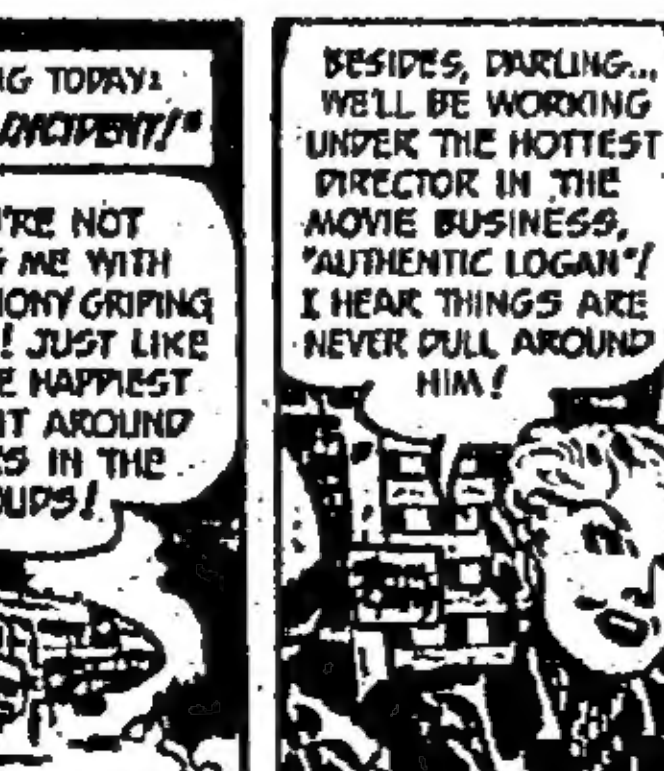
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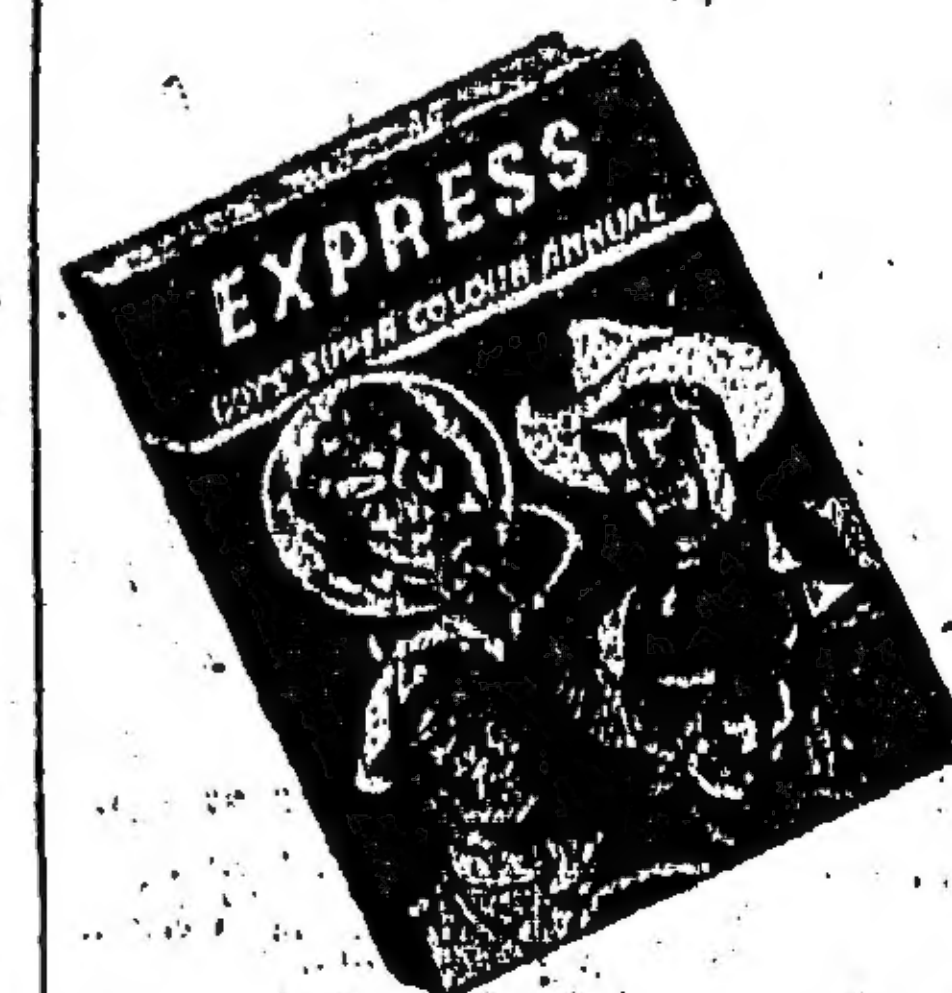
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Americans Get A Slap In The Face In Okinawa

Tokyo (By Airmail).

IN a rare display of unanimity, all shades of political opinion in Japan were joined in expressing the fullest satisfaction at the election of Saichi Kaneshi as Mayor of Naha in Okinawa earlier this week.

The mirage of victory was quite narrow, and the loser, Tatsuo Taira, also had as his platform the object of working for the eventual return of the Ryukyu Islands to Japan. Kaneshi's victory was more of a slap in the face of America than it was a belief by the voters that he would be the best man for the job. With the backing of Kaneshi, Senaga, the former mayor who had been ousted through a manoeuvre by US High Commissioner Lieut.-Gen. James Moore, Kaneshi squeezed into the majority with 51 per cent of the vote, dealing a stinging blow to the US in doing so.

Rough Time

Mayor Kaneshi is in for just as rough a time as his predecessor. As immediately the results were made known the Governor of the Bank of the Ryukyu Islands—announced that no loans would be forthcoming to boost the city's shaky finances. "As far as I am concerned," the Governor of the Bank said, "the people of Okinawa can still walk in mud while they remain obstinate for obduracy's sake."

Already Kaneshi has made feeble attempts in Japan for reconstruction work, but while no doubt his pleas will be met here with great sympathy, it would be a foolish problem for Japan to authorise an "official" loan to him in the face of American opinion.

Japan interprets the vote in Naha as a call from the Okinawans to bring them back into the Japanese fold again, "liberating" them from American occupation.

Rebuffed

Japan has repeatedly raised the question of the return to her of the entire Ryukyu Islands, and each time has been promptly rebuffed by the United States which considers—rightly or wrongly—that the chain of islands is essential to her own defence as well as that of Japan which she has undertaken according to treaty.

The position is considerably worsened by the highly sensitive approach of the Americans who are apt to construe the mildest criticism, or lack of co-operation, as a firm indication of "Communist tendencies" on the part of those who disagree with them. The Okinawans increasingly consider American tactics and methods of administration to be both high-handed and "undemocratic," so we have the curious situation of American "baiting" against the "Red Menace" becoming more and more.

more "Communist" as more and more of the inhabitants therein fall to see eye to eye with the US authorities there.

Russia lost no time in adding a few hot coals to the fire by stiffly informing Japan she stood a good chance of being blown off the face of the earth in another war if she persisted in her policy of permitting the United States to use her territory for stationing guided missiles or nuclear armaments which could only be directed against Russia or neighbouring China.

A Victory

On another front, Japan gained a little victory of her own when the United States Air Force, under pressure from

From DAVID GORDON

Japan Air Lines which had opposed the Government on the matter, gracefully agreed to withdraw from Tokyo's only international airport at Haneda.

The Air Force will be out almost entirely by next June according to its spokesman, but the control facilities will still remain under American operation until Japan is fully capable of running such herself. This may prove to be of considerable duration as the Japanese are notoriously poor in acquiring fluency in English, and have admitted that a number of accidents with their own Air Self Defence Corps has been largely attributable to "faulty communications."

Japan is not wasting any time in getting a foothold in the Middle East while that part of the world is in its present fluid state. A survey mission headed by Tatsuhide Takasaki, who was a power in himself, is dispatched during Japan's long occupation of Manchuria, is now in Egypt to discuss ways and means of fulfilling Nasser's ambition to build the Aswan High Dam. Japan is in the happy position of having many experts in this particular field, as well as being able to supply virtually all the materials necessary. Provided suitable financing can be arranged, a possibility does exist that Egypt may well get its Dam and auxiliary power stations in arrangement with Japan.

Clinching

Taro Yamashita, another former Manchurian "warlord" who succeeded in clinching an oil exploration and development deal with Saudi Arabia and was on the verge of doing the same with Kuwait when he was "interrupted" as he termed it, and may have to settle there with a joint scheme in which British interests participate.

Lending fuller authority to Japan's standing in the Middle East was the arrival this week of Asad Al-Agha, first Ambassador to this country from Saudi Arabia.

Foreign residents of Japan never cease to marvel at this country and its people over the many strange and paradoxical aspects of life here.

It is simplicity itself to have an 80,000-ton ship built, ready for its sea trials within five months. To have a duplicate key cut takes almost as long—if you are lucky enough to find someone who can undertake such a major engineering feat. One of the leading hotels is quite prepared to serve you bacon and eggs "for breakfast" which it considers should be well and truly over by 10 a.m. After that you cannot have bacon and eggs under any circumstances as the

Memorable

Train driver Tameo Inoue had a memorable night last Thursday when he managed to bring his freight train to a halt before hitting a 17-year-old hotel housemaid who had thrown herself in front of it. Two hours later, while speeding into the darkness, another young girl, a student, had a much closer brush with death after throwing herself onto the tracks. She fell parallel to them and when she was dragged from beneath the 26th car in the train, all she needed was dusting down—and a lecture of course.

A note of cheerful optimism was sounded by the makers of Japan's Toyopet car when they shipped over US\$1,000,000 worth of spare parts to Los Angeles in order to allay any fear on the part of prospective buyers that there would be any difficulty in getting replacements for their purchases. At the moment there are exactly five Toyopets in the entire United States.

This may be taken for what it is worth, but during last week's International Book Exhibition, it was learned that French books of all categories are favoured by more than two to one over second place Germany. Britain runs third and the United States a poor fourth. American movies also proved of lesser interest—despite their overwhelming numbers. Italian, French and British movies were given the accolades of the various critics for last year's "best." A sign of the times, perhaps.

China Mail Entertainment Guide

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Enemy Below." Robert Mitchum and Curt Jurgens in a World War II drama.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "The Tall T." Randolph Scott in a Western.

LEE & ASTOR: "Hell Drivers." Stanley Baker, Herbert Lom in the lorry racket.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA: "The Crimson Pirate." Burt Lancaster in a technicolour frolic on land and sea.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Little Egypt." Mark Stevens and Rhonda Fleming and the hoohy-koochy.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Tip On A Dead Jockey." Robert Taylor and Dorothy Malone in an adventure.

RITZ & CAPITOL: "War And Peace." Audrey Hepburn, Henry Fonda and Mel Ferrer.

MAJESTIC: "Kiss Them For Me." Cary Grant and Jayne Mansfield in a romantic comedy.

ORIENTAL: "Desert Fox." James Mason as Rommel.

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Queen Of The Danube, Faded Budapest, Is To Be Repaired

By RONALD FARQUHAR

Budapest, Jan. 20.

Budapest, faded "Queen of the Danube," is to have her battered crown repaired and refurbished.

But experts say that it will take several years and hundreds of millions of forints (millions of pounds sterling) to bring back her former glory.

The Hungarian authorities are making plans completely to restore the oldest part of the city, the Var (Castle) district, perched behind massive ramparts on the flat top of a 250-foot high hill which rises sheer out of the river Danube.

Disfigured

This quarter is still disfigured by ugly scars and jagged ruins—legacies of the bitter, two-month siege of Budapest, near the end of World War II, 13 years ago.

German troops held out desperately in the strategically situated, centuries-old hilltop fortress of Buda, the part of the twin city on the west bank of the Danube, until forced to withdraw by the relentless pounding by Soviet guns.

They left behind them the ruined shell of the former sumptuous royal palace and shattered medieval walls, their ancient walls pock-marked by shrapnel and blackened by fire. No other part of the country suffered so much damage.

Repairs have been going on slowly ever since. Nearly all the lesser-damaged dwelling houses, with their steep roofs, arched doorways and windows with ornamental bars, are now uninhabited again. But there is still much restoration work to be done and most of this rich treasury of Hungarian history looks shabby, forlorn and, in some places, desolate.

Grass and weeds grow in gaunt, empty ruins of once beautiful buildings. Unhappily, the ruins of the old palace, the seat of the Hungarian kings, are peeling away revealing bare stone and brickwork.

The F.B.I. Register For 1958

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FEATURE

A feature providing a useful reference for buyers not fully conversant with British product terms, is the French, German and Spanish glossaries. These give translations of every product term used in the main buyers' guide, each being numbered for easy reference between the English headings and their translations.

As the only authorised directory of the Federation of British Industries—the largest and most influential association of British manufacturers—the F. B. I. Register is compiled by the publishers in close collaboration with the Federation.

Recently, however, the Minister of Building, Mr. Rezső Trautmann, told Budapest Members of Parliament that the City Council's task now is to restore the district to its former splendour in a few years.

Piles of bricks, slates, stone, timber and gliders are stacked on the pavements of narrow, crooked streets and scaffolding screens a number of buildings already under repair. One of these is the 700-year-old Catholic Church of Our Lady, with its slim, tapering white Gothic spire, visible from all over the city. Hungarian kings were crowned here for more than 600 years, from Charles I of the French house of Anjou, in 1305, to the Hapsburg Charles IV, in 1916. The church became a mosque during the 16-year Turkish occupation of Hungary in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Rebuilding

Officials responsible for restoring the Var say that work has progressed so slowly in the past because, in repairing war damage, they had to concentrate first on rebuilding flats and important factories elsewhere. Now they say they think that there is every prospect of getting sufficient supplies of materials to speed up and complete the work in the Var.

They also intend to erect new buildings, including a large hotel and a "culture house," on the gaps left by buildings totally destroyed in the war. They emphasise that the new buildings, though modern, will blend in architectural style with their historic surroundings.

Investigations shortly after World War II revealed that some buildings in the Var were older than had been thought and were originally of a different architectural style. These have now been restored to their original form.

Before the war, the main architectural style was baroque, but the bombardment during the siege laid bare many older walls, some of them in Gothic style dating back to the Middle Ages. Damage to the once majestic Royal palace overlooking the Danube, on the south end of the Var hill, also revealed the ruins of an earlier medieval palace.

NEW ZEALAND RECLUSE ELUDES POLICE

Wellington, Jan. 20.
 Police and hikers are combing the bleak bush country of Waitati, in Otago, in search of a bearded, unkempt recluse known to be living somewhere there with only the wild birds and animals as his companions.

He has been seen on several occasions in the past eighteen months, a gaunt, shuffling figure leading the life of a fugitive in the wilds. But New Zealanders are puzzled as to his identity.

Recently, newspaper headlines throughout the country reported the most recent encounter with the "mystery man of Silverpeaks."

On that occasion, a hiking party crossing the forbidding Silverpeaks area, some 15 miles north-west of Dunedin came face to face with the recluse descending a track near a Tramping Club hut.

Terrified

As soon as he saw the party, however, he fled into the brush beside the track. One of the hikers, Dr. R. L. Cotton, pleaded with him not to be frightened and to return to speak with them, but in vain.

"He was absolutely terrified," said the doctor. "When at last another member of the party sternly ordered him to return, he muttered excuses that he was looking for a dog among the tussocks, and disappeared."

The hiker described his appearance as that of a man who had come through a fire, emerging blackened and filthy. He was bald, with unkempt black hair, and a heavy growth of beard. He seemed to have bare feet and

hidden under one wing and the garden of the present building.

Building-up the old palace was started in the middle of the 13th century by King Bela IV, in whose reign the Var became the new centre of the town after a destructive Tartar invasion. King Bela's successors added to it, but it deteriorated into ruins during the Turkish occupation.

In the 18th century, part of the present palace was built on the same site for Maria Theresa, the Austrian Empress who then ruled Hungary. At the turn of the 19th century, it was transformed into a huge neo-baroque palace with 800 rooms for one of her successors, the Emperor Franz Joseph.

Now, only an empty, grey, battered hulk is left of this once magnificent building whose long, domed silhouette used to dominate the Budapest skyline.

Experts admit that it will be both difficult and costly to reconstruct it. They estimate that it will take from four to eight years and cost about 800,000,000 forints (about £10,937,500 at the official exchange rate).

Suggestion

Another problem is how to utilise it when it is restored. One suggestion was that high state offices should move into it, another that it should be used for cultural institutions. The most recent proposal is that scientific and similar bodies and a museum should take it over. No final decision has been announced, nor is there any immediate sign of repair work being speeded up.

A lively public debate is raging about the future of another unrepaid World War II casualty—a large ornate, pillared, festival hall, called the Viazdo, where concerts and grand balls were held for its reconstruction, estimated to take up to three and a half years and cost 100,000,000 forints (about £3,125,000), published recently, showed one wing rebuilt in modern steel, glass and concrete. Critics declared that this was too modern and would clash with the older styles of architecture.

Now, Hungarians are waiting to see whether the authorities will have second thoughts.—China Mail Special.

Silverpeaks

They reported their experience to the authorities, and a police search party already with several reports listed from hiking parties and shooters in the district, set out to comb Silverpeaks. They took with them a pack-house and supplies for a week. Two members of the staff of a local mental home were among the searchers.

A party of shooters came to a hut, and found it locked. The person inside would not open it, and seemed reluctant to talk, although he inquired if it was a police party.

But the police party returned empty-handed, and the identity of the recluse remains unknown.

The police do not discount the possibility that the man may be a 35-year-old, resident of Dunedin, who disappeared without trace in April 1955. And they think that his blackened appearance may be due to living in a cave.—China Mail Special.

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 By Surface
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NEW BALLPOINT
STERLING SILVER TIP

BUTLER PLANS STRATEGY

London, Jan. 20. The Acting Prime Minister, Mr R. A. Butler, met with the Cabinet today and reportedly drew up strategy plans for a confidence vote in Parliament later this week.

Parliament resumes tomorrow after the Christmas recess. One of the key topics up for discussion is the resignation early this month of Mr Peter Thorneycroft as Chancellor of the Exchequer, together with two key Treasury aides.

The resignations will be debated on Thursday. The Opposition Socialists are preparing a full assault on the governing Conservative Party.

Mr Butler, sitting in for the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, who is now on a Commonwealth tour, is expected to ask for a confidence vote.

WOULD SURVIVE

Political observers believed the Government would survive the vote with a comfortable majority although several Conservative lawmakers have come out in support of Mr Thorneycroft.

Details of Cabinet meetings are not disclosed but Mr Butler was reported to have laid policy lines for expected questions on the Cyprus impasse, the constitutional situation in Malta and improved pay and conditions for British Servicemen.

—United Press.

Radio-Active Needle Worries Police

New York, Jan. 20. A spokesman for New York's Memorial Centre for Cancer and Allied Diseases said today the radio-active contamination described in a dispatch from Holland is "absolutely possible."

The Memorial Hospital authorities on radiation therapy, who declined to be quoted by name, said a broken capsule of radium is so dangerous that he has stopped using the material, substituting other forms of radiation. Radium capsules are used to some extent in the hospital by other physicians.

He said spilling of 10 milligrams of radium, one fifth of the amount presumed left accidentally in the Dutch child's nose, has forced destruction of an entire hospital wing.

Both the Memorial Hospital and another authority, a consultant in radiation safety, said the degree of contamination reported could have occurred only if the capsule were broken, either in the child's nose or in the stove in which it may have been burned with waste.

—United Press.

Rugby Fans Fined In London

London, Jan. 20. A pitched battle between Police and thousands of rugby football fans in the heart of London brought a procession of offenders into the dock of Bow Street Court here today.

The battle started late on Saturday night after the international match between England and Wales which ended in a 3-3 draw. A great crowd of supporters gathered in Piccadilly Circus fought to climb the Statue of Eros but were beaten off by mounted Police.

One man today was fined 40 shillings for using insulting behaviour. He was said to have struck a Police horse with the buckle end of a belt.

Three Welsh miners were charged together with injuring a Policeman who was said to be in hospital with a triple fracture of the wrist. They were remanded.

A Royal Air Force man who knocked a Policeman's helmet off his head was fined 30 shillings.

Other accused were fined small sums for causing obstruction. —China Mail Special.

ACHESON REASSURES GERMANS

Kennan Did Not Speak For Democratic Party

Washington, Jan. 20.

Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson today endorsed the Eisenhower Administration's cautious approach toward high-level negotiations with the Soviet Union.

At the same time, he reassured worried West Germans that the former chief of the State Department's policy planning staff, George F. Kennan, did not speak on behalf of the Democratic Party when he called recently for withdrawal of United States troops from Western Europe.

Acheson spoke at a press conference as chairman of the Democratic Party's Advisory Committee on Foreign Policy.

On the domestic front, Acheson charged President Eisenhower with "inaction and complacency" in the face of the new period posed by Soviet technology.

He said that the 1958 budget was "wholly inadequate" although in his State of the Union message Eisenhower called for greater sacrifices.

Acheson also criticised Eisenhower for not following up his State of the Union recommendation for a Defence Department reorganisation. He called the present Defence Department hierarchy "completely futile."

"Leaving things to this Administration means they will not be done," Acheson said.

Acheson condemned Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for letting political relations with friendly nations "fall into disrepair." But he agreed with him that high-level talks with the Russians would not be fruitful at present.

Like Dulles, Acheson said that the Russians can show their sincerity—if they want to ease world tension—through normal diplomatic channels.

"I am not afraid of negotiating with Russia," he said. "But this is not a time to negotiate. When they want to accomplish something, the Russians will surely move the way they did to break the Berlin blockade."

The former Secretary of State again expressed his dissatisfaction with Kennan's recent lectures over the British Broadcasting Corporation.

He summarised it as a policy of "disengagement" that is tantamount to isolationism.

"What Kennan said in his lectures was that he believes British and United States troops should withdraw from Western Europe, that he sees no sense in foreign aid, that the Middle East is of no concern to him."

"Since he is a respectable man and a scholar who calls his policy 'disengagement' but if someone like Senator (William) Jenner had made such a proposal we would have called it isolationism."

The Nassau Strike Continues

Nassau, Jan. 20.

Negotiations to break the nine-day general strike paralysing this tourist city appeared to be deadlocked today despite weekend efforts to end the dispute.

Both parties to the taxi companies dispute, which led to the general walkout, were seeing the Governor of the Bahamas, Sir Rayner Arthur, later today.

The Governor has proposed that a non-Bahamian be appointed chairman of an arbitration tribunal. Mr. Donald Delaney, proprietor of one of the taxi companies involved in the dispute, has said that he and his colleagues will reject the proposal.

Meanwhile, some hotel owners and shopkeepers say that there has been a steady trickle of workers asking to be given their jobs back.

LEAVES

Mr. Ken Stirling, Caribbean representative of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, left Nassau for Jamaica last night.

Mr. Stirling has been one of the most impassioned advocates of the strike. One local newspaper said today that he had gone because "he had expected to find more responsible labour leadership here than he had encountered."

Observers here are worried that threats of violence might increase as the strikers' money dwindles and hunger hits them.

A government white paper issued yesterday said the colony's "direct daily loss of income from tourists' expenditure is at least US\$112,000." —Reuter.

ANCIENT SCARABS FOUND

Iznan, Jan. 20. New archaeological finds, including scarabs believed to have brought here by Moses from Egypt, were announced here in Jordan today.

Said Durra, Director of Antiquities, told United Press that the scarabs—gems cut in the form of beetles—were found in an old fortress here.

Durra said: "It is quite possible the followers of Moses brought them here."

He noted that the find represented the "first time Egyptian relics have been found east of the Jordan River."

The excavations followed the accidental uncovering of a tomb by workmen who were digging drains in the area. —United Press.

SNAKE MAN SAVED

Innsbruck, Jan. 20. Austrian snake-raiser Helmut Pace was saved from certain death today, thanks to two intrepid pilots who flew in special serum from Vienna after he was bitten by a poisonous Indian cobra.

Other vials of serum were expected to arrive later from Munich and Paris where the appeal was heard. —France-Press.

Machine-Gun Fire

Paris, Jan. 20. Two Algerians were killed and a third wounded when terrorists sprayed a bar with machine gun fire in the Paris suburb of Argenteuil, police reported today. —Reuter.



Shao Fang-fang and Wong Yen.

YOUNG CHINESE ACTRESS FOR JAPAN

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

One of the happiest passengers aboard the MV Vietnam, scheduled to leave Hongkong tomorrow, is 10-year-old Chinese actress Shao Fang-fang — off to Japan to begin shooting winter scenes for the biggest film of her life.

She was chosen by the dynamic Chinese producer and publicity man Chu Shu-hwa for the chief part in his five-star film "The Long Road". This film is only the second to be produced by Mr Chu in more than three years. He plans to spend \$200,000 (the budget for two normal films) and employ five first-line stars (the cast of two normal films). On it he risks a fortune. But his backers are betting on a good profit. They are betting on a profit that has only been made by one Chinese film in recent years. That film was the multi-award winning "Golden Phoenix" — the film that launched Lin Dai on stardom. And it was also produced by Mr Chu Shu-hwa.

But Fang-fang is no newcomer to films. In 1955 she carried off the "Best Child Actress" award at the South-east Asia Film Festival in Singapore. And in "The Long Road" she acts with Miss Chen Yen-yen, winner of the "Best Co-Star" award at last year's festival in Tokyo.

The story of "The Long Road" is a favourite in China and Japan among translation literature. It is adapted from the novel "Sans Famille" by Hector Malot, which has seven common Chinese translations, and six translations in Japanese.

It was especially difficult for foreigners, who were not allowed out of the country. He went to China 25 years ago and lectured at the Catholic University of Tientsin.

He said, "I have not done anything for 10 years. It was too dangerous. All my colleagues at the university have been arrested and sent on road work. I was lucky because I had retired just before the Communists came."

Professor Vas has come to stay with his daughter, Mrs. Eve Welch, who married an Englishman and lives in London.

He last saw her when she left China after being released from a Japanese camp at the end of the war. —France-Press.

Manila Shaken

Manila, Jan. 21. The walls of two Manila churches, cracked at the height of the 30-second earthquake which shook the city yesterday afternoon, causing panic among the priests and other people inside, it was reported last night. —France-Press.

PIANO RECITAL IN LOKE

YEW HALL

By R. A. BONES

If it can be said that the playing of a certain performer suits one composer or one style of music more than another, then the name of Madame Halina Czerny-Stefanska must be linked with that of Chopin for she is at her best when playing works by this composer.

EXCHANGE OF KINGS' REMAINS

Hanover, Jan. 20.

Prince Ernst August, head of the House of Hanover, is to start negotiations shortly with the British Royal Family to have the body of the last King of Hanover, George V, returned here from its present resting place at Windsor, according to sources close to the House of Hanover.

The Hanoverians are prepared in exchange to return to Britain the body of King George I (of Britain), who is buried here, the sources said, "but they would prefer not to."

The blind King George V of Hanover, a cousin of Queen Victoria, reigned from 1851 to 1886 and died in Paris in exile in 1878. His body was taken to Windsor.

Hanoverians still loyal to their former Royal house make his grave the goal of their "pilgrimages."

GREAT-GRANDSON

Prince Ernst August is his great-grandson.

Last month the remains of George I of England, who died at Osnabrück near here, were moved from the crumbling family vault under Leine Castle here and reburied at Herrenhausen Castle, former summer residence of the kings of Hanover.

Leine Castle, almost razed by bombs during the war, is to be torn down to make way for a new building to house the lower Saxon Landtag, the State Parliament.

George I, born in 1660, succeeded Queen Anne and reigned from 1715 to 1727. He had previously been Elector of Hanover.

George V of Hanover, born in 1819, became blind in his youth, but sought to keep this secret from his subjects and would visit art galleries and review troops as though his sight were normal. —Reuter.

MISSILES PUT AIRCRAFT FIRM OUT OF ACTION

London, Jan. 20.

The Ministry of Supply has refused a Saunders-Rose proposal that the firm be allowed to build three of their 1,500-mile an hour S.R. 177 fighter planes for radar and heat barrier research it was announced today.

The company recently announced that 600 employees had been made redundant, because both British and West German Governments had turned down these rocket-jet interceptors in favour of missiles.

Two weeks ago, a Saunders-Rose spokesman said a "go-ahead" on the three planes would give work to about 600 of the men threatened with unemployment at their Isle of Wight factory.

But the company was today informed the Ministry had considered the proposal but had been unable to accept it. —Reuter.

Hawker Robbed

A Chinese woman hawker lost \$50 yesterday morning when she had her pocket-out while walking in the Shok Kip Mei Village Market.

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Madame Czerny-Stefanska gave a concert last night in the Loke Yew Hall of the University and wisely chose a programme consisting largely of compositions by Chopin. The hall was crowded to overflowing, in fact there were many people standing at the back.

Chopin is a popular composer for pianists of all ages and of all degrees of proficiency yet inspired performances of his compositions are few and far between. He is an exceptionally difficult composer to interpret, balanced in effect on a narrow ridge; on one side is a precipitous drop into the cesspool of sentimentality which our soloist studiously avoided. If anything she erred slightly on the other side where there is a steep and arduous climb from performances of machine-like precision.

Great Heights

Frequently Madame Czerny-Stefanska rose to the crest of the ridge; her playing of the Nocturne in F Sharp Major revealed a rare and delicate beauty. Nearly every item she played showed moments of greatness but it seemed that she could not quite sustain this greatness and lapses into a "masculine" competence, such as the Polonaise in F Sharp Minor by Chopin she produced a resounding performance. In piano passages she has a fine delicacy of touch which causes the piano to sing most lyrically.

This pianist has a brilliant technique which she combines with tremendous strength and control so that even in a more "masculine" composition such as the Polonaise in F Sharp Minor by Chopin she produced a resounding performance. In piano passages she has a fine delicacy of touch which causes the piano to sing most lyrically.

Other Composers

Madame Czerny-Stefanska started her programme with four short items by Rameau, "Tambourin," "Sarabande," "Minuet" and "La Poulle". The last of these is a caricature of a busy hen and was, incidentally, adapted for the Sadler's Wells Ballet. "The Nocturne" I thought the performance of this was rather pedestrian and did not really portray the necessary sadness.

This was followed by the arrangement by Busoni of the Bach Chaconne in D Minor for Unaccompanied Violin. Unfortunately near the end the effect of this was rather spoiled by a critical note in the lower register of the instrument being out of tune.

The Beethoven Sonata on the programme was wisely replaced by the Mozart Sonata in C Major K.330. In the first and last movements of this the pianist showed a sense of urgency and hurry as if she was pleased to finish so that she could get on to her Chopin, the first of which, the Nocturne in F Sharp Major, I have mentioned already.

There were no less than nine compositions by Chopin before the final item in the printed programme, the Rhapsody No. 12 by Liszt.

Too Long

To my mind, two and a half hours is about half an hour too long for a concert of this type, however great the artist. The physical discomfort of the hard chairs prevents us from fully appreciating the final items.

For her final encore, Madame Czerny-Stefanska chose the "Nocturne for Left Hand Alone" by Scriabin. This revealed her at her best, both technically and musically, so that we were left with the taste of a beautiful and eloquent performance in our mouths.

Pen Pal Wanted

Giorgio Seglio, 10 years old, of 7 Bottegina Road, Milan, Italy. Interested in correspondence, exchange of postcards and stamps.